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Hotel Placement – Managing Guest Service Operations

BMIH6003

Level 6

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Welcome to this overview handbook for the above module. This is a level 6,10 credit module taught on hotel placement to Level 6 IHM students in the Academic Discipline of Hospitality and Tourism Management

AIM(S)

- To provide students with knowledge and supervisory insights necessary to manage Guest Service Operations effectively within Housekeeping, Maintenance, Leisure Club and Meetings/Events - and to introduce to a range of management issues studied during level 4 and 5.
- To develop individual guest service competencies and key skills necessary to work effectively within Housekeeping, Maintenance, Leisure Club and Meetings/Events departments, focusing upon self-management, problem solving, communication and teamwork.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- Personal and Vocational Development: The experience will be linear and individually designed to focus on either specialist or generic areas of study according to the student's level of experience, needs, interests and chosen career pathway.
- Key skills – communication, teamwork, task management, personal skills – guest services, operational issues.
- Supervisory responsibilities undertaken within Housekeeping, Maintenance, Leisure Club and Meetings/Events.
- Operational tasks within the departments listed above – task management, performance measurement systems.
- Guest Service software systems employed within departments.
- Review – reflection, self-appraisal, reaction to feedback.
- Organisational Issues: Policies and procedures relating to delivering guest services, organisational aims and objectives, mission statement, operations, staffing, training, competition, quality issues, performance measures, management structures, working practices, marketing, health and safety, guest service strategies.

Study Time Allocation

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	0	0%
Independent learning	0	0%
Placement learning	100	100%
TOTAL	**100**	**100%**

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1
(Tick one)

☐ **Written exam** ☒ **Coursework** ☐ **Practical**

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Learning Log	1250 words	50%

Assessment Component 2
(Tick one)

☐ **Written exam** ☐ **Coursework** ☒ **Practical**

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Hotel Manager's Assessment Report on Practical Activities	Practical tasks undertaken on placement	50%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Written exam	0%
Coursework	50%
Practical	50%
TOTAL	**100%**

Module Code	BMIH6003	
Module Title	Managing Guest Service Operations	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	Anon (2010) "A Good Practice Guide for Placement and Other Work-based Learning Opportunities in Higher Education – *Good Practice for Placements Guides* – Volume 2. 52 (4). doi:10.1108/et.2010.00452dab.013.	☒
Essential	Felce, A. (2019) 'Managing the quality of higher education in apprenticeships', *Higher education, skills and work-based learning*, 9(2), pp. 141–148.	☒
Essential	Hagg, E. (2013) *Internship Guide: Work Placements Step by Step*. 5th Ed. The Hague: Eleven International Publishing.	☒
Essential	Jones, T.J.A. (2008) *Professional management of housekeeping operations [electronic resource]* . 5th ed. Hoboken, N.J. :, John Wiley & Sons.	☒
Essential	Walker (2021) *Introduction to hospitality*. Eight, Global edition. Harlow, England, Pearson.	☒
Essential	Wood, R.C. (2013) *Key Concepts in Hospitality Management*. London: SAGE Publications Ltd.	☒
Further	Bardi, J. (2010) *Hotel Front Office Management*. 5th Ed. London: Wiley.	☐
Further	Casado, M. (2012) *Housekeeping Management*. 2nd Ed. London: Wiley.	☐
Further	Rutherford, D G & O'Fallon, M J (eds.) (2007) *Hotel management and operations*. 4th ed. Hoboken, N.J, John Wiley.	☒
Further	Jayanti, J. (2023) *Hotel housekeeping management : changing trends and developments*. Oxford: Goodfellow Publishers.	☒
Further	Johnston, R., Clark, G. & Shulver, M. (2012) *Service Operations Management*. London: Pearson.	☒
Further	Rughubalan, G. (2009) *Hotel Housekeeping: Operations and Management*. Oxford: Higher Education Press.	☐
Further	Vallen, G.K. & Vallen, Jerome J. (2014) *Check-In Check-Out: Managing Hotel Operations*. 9th Ed. Harlow: Pearson Education Limited.	☐

Journals
Cornell Hospitality Quarterly
International Journal of Contemporary Hospitality Management
Journal of Hospitality, Leisure, Sport & Tourism Education
Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Management
Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Research
The Service Industries Journal

Week	Activity	Supporting material	Assessment submission date
W/C 22nd September 2025	• Introduction to Module and tutor via group call • Student Hotel Induction (onsite)	Induction presentation Module Handbook	Issue of assignment component 1
W/C 29th September 2025	• Student on placement 16 Hours	Reflective practice	
W/C 6th October 2025	• Student on placement 16 Hours • Group call with tutor groups – Assessment support	Module handbook / assignment workshop	
W/C 13th October 2025	• Student on placement 16 Hours		
W/C 20th October 2025	• Student on placement 16 Hours • Group call with tutor groups		
W/C 27th October 2025	• Student on placement 16 Hours		
W/C 3rd November 2025	• Student on placement 16 Hours • Group call with tutor groups		
W/C 10th November 2025	• Student on placement 16 Hours		**Friday 14th November 2025 by 23:59pm (Component 1**
W/C 17th November 2025	• Student on placement 16 Hours • Group call with tutor groups		**Monday, 17th November 2025 (Component 2 Hotel only)**
W/C 24th November 2025	• Student on placement 16 Hours		
W/C 1st December 2025	• Student on placement 16 Hours • Debrief Group call with tutor groups Placement feedback via QR code	**Last day of placement to be completed on or before Friday, 5th December 2025**	

LEVEL 6 ASSESSMENT SPECIFICATION

Student name:		**Student ID number:**	
Programme:	**BA International Hotel Management**		
Module:	**Managing Guest Service Operations**		
Module code:	**BMIH6003**	**Contribution to Overall Module Assessment (%):**	**50%**
Lecturer:	**Jessica Newport, Daniel Payne, Ben Ka Po Chong, Kathryn Roberts,**	**Internal Verifier:**	**Antoinette Milne**
Assignment Title:	**Student Learning Log**	**Word count (or equivalent):**	**1,250 words (+/- 10%)**
Submission deadline:	**Friday 14th November 2025 by 23:59pm**	**Return date of provisional marks & written feedback:**	**Friday 12th December 2025 by 23:59pm**
Submission method:	All written assessments, where practical and possible, must be submitted via Turnitin unless otherwise instructed by the Lecturer. (Please DO NOT put this assessment specification into Turnitin or it will match many similarities with other students' submissions.) **Alternative submission method (if applicable):** **Late submission of the assessment will result in a late penalty mark:** Work which is submitted up to 1 week late will be capped at 40% for the first attempt and will be awarded a mark of 0% for re-assessment. Late submission penalties may be lifted only if there is an approved extenuating circumstances claim. Work submitted more than 1 week late will be considered as a non-submission and will not be marked. The work may be considered as a submission for reassessment if offered by an Examining Board or if there is an approved extenuating circumstances claim.		
Academic honesty / referencing:	Academic honesty is required. In the main body of your submission you must give credit to authors on whose research and ideas your work is based. Append to your submission a reference list that indicates the books, articles, etc. that you have used, cited or quoted in order to complete this assessment.		

Module Learning Outcomes (from module syllabus)
• Undertake efficiently and shadow a supervisory position within Guest Service Operations which covers Housekeeping, Maintenance, Leisure Club and Meetings/Events and critically appreciate the importance of work-based key skills.

- Systematically analyse management performance within the workplace environment and knowledgeably discuss issues relating to Housekeeping, Maintenance, Leisure Club and Meetings/Events.
- Systematically examine and understand issues such as resource allocation, marketing, management styles, culture, health and safety and organisational / industry issues which impact upon guest service operations - and which influence the guest service experience.

TASK DESCRIPTION COMPONENT ONE

Assessment Component 1 – Student Learning Log (50%)

Overview

As part of your 10-week Level 6 hotel placement, you will be expected to gain comprehensive hands-on experience and understand the operational and managerial aspects of guest service operations. Your assignment is designed to ensure you reflect on (**not describe**) your experiences, apply theoretical knowledge, and develop practical skills.

Task: Produce a 1,250-word (+/-10%) reflective learning log.

Your learning log should contain the following sections. Suggested word counts are for guidance only.

Introduction. (150 – 200 words)

Briefly introduce the chosen department (Housekeeping, Maintenance, Leisure Club, or Meetings/Events). **It is advised to select and focus on one department, even if you have spent time in more than one of the listed departments.** Outline the offerings of this department at the property. You must name your placement hotel.

Main Body: Department Reflection (850 – 1000 words)

Systematically analyse The **Guest Experience** in the Guest Service Operations department you worked in. Identify **one key issue that you have witnessed,** affecting guest service in the department that you worked in. Focus on **ONE** of the options below, discuss the part you played (self-reflection) and apply what you have learnt from your previous modules to improve the issue.

- **Management styles:** Did leadership approaches impact staff motivation and efficiency? What was the outcome? What have you learnt from this and how will you implement this in the future? You must link your discussion to the following module: **Management & Organisational Behaviour (Level 5)**

- **Culture & teamwork:** How did organisational culture influence staff and guest experiences? You must link your discussion to one of the following modules: **Personnel Resourcing & Development (Level 5)**

- **Marketing & guest experience:** How were guest expectations managed and enhanced? What will you do differently in the future to ensure high standards? What have you learnt from your experience? You must link your discussion to one of the following modules: **Marketing Essentials (Level 4) or Hospitality & Guest Services (Level 4)**

- Justify **why the issue is significant**, supported by relevant academic literature, discuss specific points gained from your research to demonstrate the clear relevance to the reader.

- Develop a **realistic three-step improvement** plan that includes: **a specific operational change, clear outlining of how the change aligns with industry best practices and the expected impact on guest satisfaction and business performance.**

Conclusion (150 – 200 words)

Summarise your key findings and recommendations.

A minimum of 5 references in line with Harvard Referencing Conventions is required, with a full reference list included.

Additional Information:

- To effectively link your learning log to the modules that you have studied, **avoid generalisations.** We already know the content that you have covered in these modules, so focus instead on the key insights that are **personal to you,** such as learnings from previous assignments and your own wider research.

- To do this, reflect carefully on your academic journey. For example, in Level 5, you studied **Management & Organisational Behaviour.** Think back at the leadership styles you discussed in your work. Can you see them adopted by the manager? Is it effective or not effective and what leadership style will you implement in the future?

- Also in Level 5, you studied **Personnel Resourcing & Development.** Revisit your research on organisational culture for effective employee engagement and wellbeing.

- In Level 4, you studied **Marketing Essentials.** Does your placement hotel's marketing strategy (e.g. for meetings/events) align with your expectations and theories you learned? Alternatively, in **Hospitality & Guest Services,** you learned the theory behind meeting and exceeding guest expectations and service recovery. Make relevant links.

- Don't remember? You may need to refresh your memory by revisiting your work! Take this opportunity to reflect on your lecturer's feedback for guidance. You can access the information in Moodle, under Moodle Archives.

Including fictional scenarios may result in an automatic 0 Fail mark.

Learning Log Submission:

Whilst on placement please take every opportunity, to ask questions of your supervisors and colleagues, learn from the experience and then write reflectively about this. This can be started when you are comfortable to do so and certainly will help you achieve a better progress record if you start writing the record 2-3 weeks into your placement when you have settled into the environment and when you will be observing operations first hand and taking part. If you require additional support, please ask your work-based supervisors within the teams or arrange to meet with your placement lecturer. **If you are concerned that you will not obtain relevant experience in advance of the submission deadline, please contact your placement lecturer for advice on how to structure your learning log effectively.**

Use of Generative AI in Assessment

RESEARCH	For this assessment, you can use Generative AI to support you in research and data analysis	Yes ☒ No ☐
STRUCTURE	For this assessment, you can use Generative AI to support you in structuring your submission, including creating a draft argument structure, identifying parts and headings, etc.	Yes ☒ No ☐
PROOFREADING	For this assessment, you can use Generative AI to check your own text/creation for grammatical and syntactical mistakes, including getting suggestions to rephrase your work.	Yes ☒ No ☐
WRITING	For this assessment, you can use Generative AI to create text for submission..	Yes ☐ No ☒
CREATIVE	For this assessment, you can use Generative AI to create creative materials, such as images.	Yes ☐ No ☒
PROGRAMING	For this assessment, you can use Generative AI to create and check code.	Yes ☐ No ☒
NONE	For this assessment, you are not allowed to use **any** type of Generative AI support. This includes research support, structure support, writing/proofreading support and creative support.	☐

GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS IN THE COMPLETION OF TASKS COMPONENT ONE

1. Engagement with Literature Skills

Your work must be informed and supported by scholarly material that is *relevant* to and *focused* on the task(s) set; you should make use of scholarly reviews and primary sources, where appropriate (for example, refereed research articles and/or original materials appropriate to the discipline). You should provide evidence that you have accessed a wide *range* of sources, which may be academic, governmental and industrial; these sources may include academic journal articles, textbooks, current news articles, organisational documents, and websites. You should consider the *credibility* of your sources; academic journals are normally highly credible sources while websites require careful consideration/selection and should be used sparingly. Any sources you use should be current and up-to-date, mostly published within the last five years or so, though seminal/important works in the field may be older. You must provide *evidence* of your research/own reading throughout your work, using a suitable referencing system, including in-text citations in the main body of your work and a reference list at the end of your work.

Guidance specific to this assessment: *The work should contain at least* ***5 academic references*** *in support of your work from a variety of valid and reliable sources. A reference list should be provided using UWTSD's Harvard referencing conventions.*

2. Knowledge and Understanding Skills

At level 6, you should be able to demonstrate coherent and detailed knowledge and a systematic understanding of the subject area, at least some of which is informed by the latest research and/or advanced scholarship within the discipline. You should be aware of the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of knowledge. Your work must demonstrate the growing extent of your knowledge and systematic understanding of concepts and underlying principles associated with the subject area. *Knowledge* relates to the facts, information and skills you have acquired through your learning. You demonstrate your *understanding* by interpreting the meaning of the facts and information (knowledge). This means that you need to select and include in your work the concepts, techniques, models, theories, etc. appropriate to the task(s) set. You should be able to explain the theories, concepts, etc. meaningfully to show your understanding. Your mark/grade will also depend upon the *extent* to which you demonstrate your knowledge and understanding; ideally each should be complete and detailed, with comprehensive coverage.

Guidance specific to this assessment: Students are required to show knowledge and understanding through reflection of their practical placement, demonstrating key learnings from the chosen department.

3. Cognitive and Intellectual Skills

You should be able to: critically evaluate evidence, arguments, assumptions, abstract concepts and data some of which are at the forefront of a discipline (and that may be incomplete) to devise and sustain arguments, to make judgements and/or solve problems; describe and comment upon particular aspects of current research, or equivalent advanced scholarship, in the discipline Your work must contain evidence of logical, analytical thinking, evaluation and synthesis. For example, to examine and break information down into parts, make inferences, compile, compare and contrast information. This means not just describing what! But also justifying: Why? How? When? Who?

Where? At what cost? At all times, you must provide justification for your arguments and judgements. Evidence that you have reflected upon the ideas of others within the subject area is crucial to you providing a reasoned and informed debate within your work. Furthermore, you should provide evidence that you are able to make sound judgements and convincing arguments using data and concepts. Sound, valid conclusions are necessary and must be derived from the content of your work. Where relevant, alternative solutions and recommendations may be proposed.

Guidance specific to this assessment: Students are to analyse their placement in means of not just describing tasks, but demonstrating the why? how? what? when? Through practical tasks, reflective writing and discussions with hotel employees.

4. Practical Skills

At level 6, you should be able to apply the methods and techniques that you have learned to review, consolidate, extend and apply your knowledge and understanding, and to initiate and carry out projects. You will deploy accurately established techniques of analysis and enquiry relevant to the discipline, and apply them in complex and unpredictable contexts, to devise and sustain arguments and/or to solve problems. You should be able to frame appropriate questions to achieve a solution - or identify a range of solutions. You should be able to demonstrate how the subject-related concepts and ideas relate to real world situations and/or a particular context. How do they work in practice? You will deploy models, methods, techniques, and/or theories, in that context or circumstances, to assess current situations, perhaps to formulate plans or solutions to solve problems, or to create artefacts, some of which may be innovative and creative. This is likely to involve, for instance, the use of real world artefacts, examples and cases, the application of a model within an organisation and/or benchmarking one theory or organisation against others based on stated criteria. You should show awareness of the limitations of concepts and theories when applied in particular contexts.

Guidance specific to this assessment: Students need to consider how they would apply solutions and theory within the workplace of their placement property, highlighting what they have learnt previously in lectures and out on placement and how they could deploy this in future careers.

5. Transferable Skills for Life and Professional Practice

Your work must provide evidence of the qualities and transferable skills necessary for graduate-level employment requiring the exercise of initiative and personal responsibility and decision-making in complex and unpredictable circumstances. This includes demonstrating: the learning ability for professional development to advance existing skills and acquire new competences of a professional nature that will enable you to assume significant responsibility within organisations; that you can initiate and complete tasks and procedures, whether individually and/or collaboratively; that you can use appropriate media to effectively communicate information, arguments and analysis in a variety of forms to specialist and non-specialist audiences; fluency of expression; clarity and effectiveness in presentation and organisation. Work should be coherent and well-structured in presentation and organisation.

Guidance specific to this assessment: You should write the report in a recognised format within the assignment word count. All writing should be academic style, formal, focused, concise and subject specific. It should use a font of Arial 12 point or Times New Roman 12 point and be 1.5 or double spaced.

STUDENT FEEDBACK FORM COMPONENT ONE

This section details the *extent* to which the assessment criteria are demonstrated by you, which in turn determines your mark. The marks available for each category of skill are shown. Lecturers will use the space provided to comment on the achievement of the task(s), including those areas in which you have performed well and areas that would benefit from development/improvement.

Generic Assessment Criteria	Marks available	Marks awarded
1. Engagement with Literature Skills		
	15	
2. Knowledge and Understanding Skills		
	25	
3. Cognitive and Intellectual Skills		
	20	
4. Practical Application Skills		
	20	
5. Transferable Skills for Life and Professional Practice		
	20	

LEVEL 6 ASSESSMENT SPECIFICATION COMPONENT TWO

Student name:		**Student ID number:**	
Programme:	**BA International Hotel Management**		
Module:	**Managing Guest Service Operations**		
Module code:	**BMIH6003**	**Contribution to Overall Module Assessment (%):**	**50%**
Lecturer:	**Jessica Newport, Daniel Payne, Ben Ka Po Chong, Kathryn Roberts,**	**Internal Verifier:**	**Antoinette Milne**
Assignment Title:	**Management Assessment of Practical Tasks – Feedback from hotel.**	**Word count (or equivalent):**	**N/A**
Submission deadline:	**Monday, 17th November 2025 by 23:59pm**	**Return date of provisional marks & written feedback:**	**Friday 12th December 2025 by 23:59pm**
Submission method:	All written assessments, where practical and possible, must be submitted via Turnitin unless otherwise instructed by the Lecturer. (Please DO NOT put this assessment specification into Turnitin or it will match many similarities with other students' submissions.) **Alternative submission method (if applicable):** **Late submission of the assessment will result in a late penalty mark:** Work which is submitted up to 1 week late will be capped at 40% for the first attempt and will be awarded a mark of 0% for re-assessment. Late submission penalties may be lifted only if there is an approved extenuating circumstances claim. Work submitted more than 1 week late will be considered as a non-submission and will not be marked. The work may be considered as a submission for reassessment if offered by an Examining Board or if there is an approved extenuating circumstances claim.		
Academic honesty / referencing:	Academic honesty is required. In the main body of your submission you must give credit to authors on whose research and ideas your work is based. Append to your submission a reference list that indicates the books, articles, etc. that you have used, cited or quoted in order to complete this assessment.		

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TASK DESCRIPTION COMPONENT TWO

Assessment Component 2

Management Assessment of Practical Tasks – Feedback from hotel (50%)

Practical Tasks Evaluation Guidance

PROCESS

Students are encouraged to arrange to participate fully within the learning experiences that placement can provide. **A feedback report will be sent to placement providers by university tutors to assess the practical element of the module.**

It is appreciated that within the hospitality industry there are changes within supervisors, team leaders and managers across a range of shifts and within the student's placement allocation throughout departments, it is therefore the **lecturer's responsibility** to liaise with the point of contact within the hotel at the end of the student's placement to complete a set of questions which are rated:

1-10 over 5 key elements:

1. Students' ability to take part in practical tasks- this includes their approach, eagerness and understanding. (/20)
2. Students' ability to maintain appropriate time keeping, including attendance and engagement within the set department, and their suitable appearance and demeanour. (/20)
3. Students' ability to undertake set tasks**, under supervision**. (/20)
4. Students' ability to undertake set tasks **with little or no supervision** (towards the end of their placement). (/20)
5. Students' suitability for future employability (based on their placement attendance and experience) within the hospitality industry. (/20)

UWTSD Lecturers will use the marking criteria to award a mark for the evaluation (which forms 50% of the overall module mark) in accordance with the University common marking scale and normal University procedure.

STUDENT FEEDBACK FORM COMPONENT TWO

This section details the *extent* to which the assessment criteria are demonstrated by you, which in turn determines your mark. The marks available for each category of skill are shown. Lecturers will use the space provided to comment on the achievement of the task(s), including those areas in which you have performed well and areas that would benefit from development/improvement.

Generic Assessment Criteria	**Marks available**	**Marks awarded**
1. Engagement with Literature Skills		
2. Knowledge and Understanding Skills		
3. Cognitive and Intellectual Skills		
4. Practical Application Skills		
	80	
5. Transferable Skills for Life and Professional Practice		
	20	

GENERIC ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Level 6

In accordance with the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications, at the end of Level 6 students should have coherent and detailed knowledge and a systematic understanding of their subject area, at least some of which is informed by the latest research and/or advanced scholarship within the discipline. They will be able to accurately deploy established techniques of analysis and enquiry within a discipline, using their conceptual understanding to devise and sustain arguments and/or to solve problems. They should be aware of the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of knowledge. They should be able to critically evaluate evidence, arguments, assumptions, abstract concepts and data (that may be incomplete), to make judgements, and to frame appropriate questions to achieve a solution - or identify a range of solutions. They will apply the methods and techniques that they have learned to review, consolidate, extend and apply their knowledge and understanding, and to initiate and carry out projects. They will have the ability to manage their own learning, and to make use of scholarly reviews and primary sources (for example, refereed research articles and/or original materials appropriate to the discipline). They will demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring: the exercise of initiative and personal responsibility; decision-making in complex and unpredictable contexts; the learning ability needed to undertake appropriate further training of a professional or equivalent nature.

Level 6	FAIL	MARGINAL FAIL	SATISFACTORY (3rd / Pass)	GOOD (2.2 / Pass)	VERY GOOD (2.1 / Merit)	EXCELLENT (1st / Distinction)	EXCEPTIONAL (1st / Distinction)
Category	**0-29%**	**30-39%**	**40-49%**	**50-59%**	**60-69%**	**70-84%**	**85-100%**
Engagement with literature (including reading, referencing, academic conventions and academic honesty)	Little or no evidence of reading and/or reliance on inappropriate sources. Views and findings mostly unsupported and non-authoritative. Referencing conventions used incoherently or largely absent.	Poor engagement with essential reading. No evidence of wider reading. Reliance on inappropriate sources, and/or indiscriminate use of sources. Heavily reliant on information gained through class contact. Inconsistent and weak use of referencing.	Engagement with a limited range of mostly relevant and credible sources. Some omissions and minor errors. Referencing conventions evident though not always applied accurately or consistently.	Engagement with an appropriate range of research-informed literature, including sources retrieved independently. Some over-reliance on texts. Referencing may show minor inaccuracies or inconsistencies.	Engagement with a wide range of research-informed literature, including sources retrieved independently. Selection of relevant and credible sources. Very good use of referencing, with no/very few inaccuracies or inconsistencies.	Engagement with an extensive range of relevant and credible literature, informed by the latest research. Consistently accurate application of referencing.	Exceptional engagement with an extensive range of relevant and credible literature, informed by the latest research. High-level referencing skills consistently and professionally applied.
Knowledge and understanding (Coherent and detailed knowledge and systematic understanding of the subject area, at least some of which is informed by the latest research	Major gaps in knowledge and systematic understanding of the subject matter. Substantial inaccuracies. No awareness of knowledge of the	Gaps in knowledge, with only superficial systematic understanding. Some significant inaccuracies and/or irrelevant material. No	Limited knowledge and systematic understanding of the relevant concepts and principles within the subject area which to some limited extent, is	Knowledge is reasonably detailed, accurate with a good systematic understanding of the field of study and to some extent, current	Knowledge is reasonably extensive coherent and detailed. Exhibits very good understanding of the breadth and depth of established views,	Excellent coherent and detailed knowledge and systematic understanding of the principles and theories of current research and scholarship. Clear	Exceptionally coherent and detailed knowledge and systematic understanding of the principles and theories of the subject, well-

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Category	**0-29%**	**30-39%**	**40-49%**	**50-59%**	**60-69%**	**70-84%**	**85-100%**
and/or advanced scholarship within the discipline.)	latest research and/or advanced scholarship within the discipline.	awareness of knowledge of the latest research and/or advanced scholarship within the discipline.	informed by current research and scholarship.	research and scholarship.	and the work is, at least in part, well-informed by current research and scholarship.	awareness of challenges to established views and the limitations of the knowledge base.	informed by current research and scholarship. A critical, sophisticated and nuanced awareness of the ambiguities and limitations of knowledge.
Cognitive and intellectual skills (Conceptual and critical thinking, analysis, synthesis and evaluation of research, assumptions, abstract concepts and data (that may be incomplete); logic, argument and judgement.)	Wholly or almost wholly descriptive work. Little or no analysis, synthesis or evaluation. Failure to develop arguments, leading to illogical or invalid judgements. Unsubstantiated generalisations, made without use of any credible evidence.	Largely descriptive work, with superficial use of critical evaluation. Weak development of arguments and judgements. Information accepted uncritically, uses generalised statements made with scant evidence and unsubstantiated opinions. Ideas sometimes illogical and contradictory.	Limited attempt at critical thinking, analysis, synthesis and evaluation, tending towards description. Some evidence to support emerging arguments and judgements but these may be underdeveloped or with a little inconsistency / mis-interpretation. Asserts rather than argues a case.	Some critical thinking, analysis, synthesis and evaluation. Can analyse new and/or abstract concepts and data without guidance. An emerging awareness of different stances and ability to use evidence (that may be incomplete) to support the argument. Mostly valid arguments and logical judgements. Some tendency to assert/state opinion rather than argue on the basis of reason and evidence.	Sound critical thinking, analysis, synthesis and evaluation demonstrating critical thinking. Ability to devise and sustain persuasive arguments, and to review the reliability, validity and significance of evidence (that may be incomplete) to make mostly appropriate and valid judgements.	Excellent critical thinking, analysis, synthesis and evaluation. Ability to investigate contradictory or incomplete information and make strong, persuasive, arguments and sophisticated judgements. Some evidence of independent thought and ability to 'see beyond the question', suggesting a grasp of the broader field and wider concepts.	Exceptional critical thinking, analysis, synthesis and evaluation based on judiciously selected evidence. Ability to investigate contradictory or incomplete information and make strong, persuasive, arguments and sophisticated, nuanced, judgements. Evidence of independent thought and ability to 'see beyond the question', suggesting an outstanding grasp of the broader field and wider concepts.
Practical skills (Apply/deploy accurately established tools	Limited or no use of methods, materials, tools and/or techniques.	Rudimentary application of methods, materials, tools	An adequate awareness and mostly appropriate application of well-	A good and appropriate application of standard methods,	A very good application of a range of methods,	An advanced application of a range of methods,	Exceptional levels of application and deployment skills in unpredictable,

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and techniques; initiate and carry out projects; formulate solutions to solve problems in complex and unpredictable contexts.)	Little or no appreciation of the context of the application. Limited understanding of the application of theory to practice or making appropriate links between the two. Very weak problem-solving skills in complex and unpredictable contexts.	and/or techniques but without consideration and competence. Flawed appreciation of the context of the application. Weak understanding of the application of theory to practice, with only occasional evidence of making appropriate links between the two. Weak problem-solving skills in complex and unpredictable contexts.	established methods, materials, tools and/or techniques. Basic appreciation of the context of the application. Theoretical knowledge and understanding applied in practice, but not always making logical links between the two. Can identify problems and propose basic solutions in complex and unpredictable contexts without fully appreciating the complexity.	materials, tools and/or techniques. Clear appreciation of the context of the application. Mainly consistent, accurate and logical application of theory to practice, making appropriate links between the two Can identify problems and propose mostly appropriate solutions in complex and unpredictable contexts.	materials, tools and/or techniques. Very good consideration of the context of the application, with perceptive insights. Can identify problems and propose appropriate solutions in complex and unpredictable contexts. Evidence of some innovation and creativity.	materials, tools and/or techniques. The context of the application is well considered, and insightful. Application and deployment extend beyond established conventions. Can identify complex problems and propose excellent solutions. Innovation and creativity evident.	practical contexts, drawing skilfully on the latest research within the discipline. Can identify complex problems and propose sophisticated solutions. Assimilation and development of cutting edge processes and techniques.
Transferable skills for life and professional practice (Exercise of initiative and personal responsibility; professional development; initiate and complete tasks and procedures: individually and/or collaboratively; use appropriate media to communicate	Communication medium is inappropriate or misapplied. Work is poorly structured, disorganised and/or confusingly expressed. Very weak use of language and/or very inappropriate style. Little or no evidence of autonomy (or collaboration,	Communication medium is poorly designed and/or not suitable for the audience. Work is poorly presented in a disjointed manner. It is loosely, and at times incoherently, structured, with information and ideas often poorly expressed. Weak use of language and/or	Can communicate in a suitable medium but with some room for improvement. Mostly ordered presentation and structure in which relevant ideas / concepts are reasonably expressed. Work may lack coherence in places. Can work as part of a team,	Can communicate effectively in a suitable format, but may have minor errors. Mostly coherent, organised work, in a suitable structure and is for the most part clearly expressed. Can work effectively independently and/or as part of a team, with clear	Can communicate well, confidently and consistently in a suitable format. Work is coherent, fluent, well-structured and organised. Can work very well autonomously and/or as part of a team, with very good contribution to group activities. Demonstrates very good graduate	Can communicate professionally confidently and consistently in a suitable format. Work is coherent, very fluent and is presented professionally. Can work autonomously with initiative. Where relevant can work professionally within a team, showing	Can communicate with an exceptionally high level of professionalism. Work is exceptionally coherent, very fluent and is presented professionally. Can work exceptionally well and professionally within a team, showing advanced

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effectively; fluency of expression; clarity and effectiveness in presentation and organisation.)	where relevant) in the completion of tasks. Little or no evidence of the skills required in graduate employment.	inappropriate style. Weak independent initiative (or collaboration, if relevant). Limited evidence of the skills required in graduate employment.	but with limited involvement in group activities. Demonstrates the basic skills required in graduate employment, with some areas of minor weakness.	contribution to group activities. Demonstrates the skills required in graduate employment, with some areas of strength and some of minor weakness.	employment skills, with just occasional minor weakness.	leadership skills as appropriate, managing conflict and meeting obligations. Demonstrates excellent graduate employment skills and an appetite for further development.	leadership skills. Demonstrates exceptional graduate employment skills and an appetite for further development.

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