

Marking Criterion	Fail 0–29%	Marginal 30–39%	Fail 40–49%	Satisfactory 40–49%	Good 50–59%	Very 60–69%	Good 70–84%	Excellent 70–84%	Exceptional 85–100%
Engagement with Literature	No real reading. Weak or irrelevant source.	Very limited reading. Poor source choice. Very limited explanation of the relevance of the source.	Uses one relevant source but with mistakes in explaining the relevance of the source.	Uses a reasonable source and shows basic independent searching.	Uses a strong, credible source. Very good explanation of the relevance of the source.	Uses a high quality, suitable source. All points are clearly explained. Very good research skills.	Excellent, well chosen academic source. Excellent explanation of the relevance of the source.		
Knowledge and Understanding	Does not understand the source or evaluation questions.	Weak understanding; major confusion about key ideas.	Basic understanding of the source; answers simple.	Good understanding; explains key ideas clearly.	Very good understanding with clear detail and reasoning.	Excellent understanding; explains ideas confidently and accurately.	Exceptional grasp of the source; shows deep, clear understanding.		
Cognitive and Intellectual Skills	No real evaluation. Accepts everything uncritically.	Very limited evaluation; opinions unsupported.	Basic evaluation; some relevant comments.	Good evaluation with clear reasons.	Very good evaluation; arguments logical and supported.	Excellent evaluation with confident, well reasoned-points.	Exceptional evaluation with deep insight and strong, clear judgement.		
Practical Skills	Does not apply the evaluation template.	Very weak application; key parts missing.	Basic attempt to use the template.	Good, structured evaluation using the template.	Very good and well-organised- evaluation.	Excellent application with clear, confident use of criteria.	Exceptional, highly effective evaluation showing strong practical skill.		

Transferable Skills for Life and Professional Practice	Presentation unclear. Reflection missing or very weak.	Weak communication; reflection limited.	Basic communication; simple reflection.	Good communication; clear 5-min recording.	Very good recording and reflection.	Excellent presentation skills with confident explanation.	Exceptional presentation and professional communication.
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