

## OYW x SGI Essay Competition Mark Scheme

Level	Originality of thought	Communication of Ideas	Evidence and Research	Marks
Level Zero	Insufficient or inappropriate answer	Insufficient or inappropriate answer	Insufficient or inappropriate answer	0 Marks
Level One	Ideas are basic.	Writing/presentation shows potential but requires more development, clarity and explanation. Answers are somewhat relevant but lack structure.	At times shows signs of basic research and evidence.	1 Mark
Level Two	At times shows signs of critical thought and originality.	Writing/presentation is somewhat easy to follow and at times links back to the question. Answers are relevant but lack structure. Lacks an advanced development of ideas.	Research is used throughout the writing/presentation.	2 Marks
Level Three	Thoughts are mostly original. Critical thinking is present throughout.	Clear writing/presentation that is mostly easy to follow. Answers are structured and linked back to the question. Answers are relevant to the question. Writing flows well. Development of ideas is substantial.	Advanced evidence and research are used throughout. The analysis is mostly sophisticated.	3 Marks
Level Four	Demonstrated originality of thought, ideas and developed analysis.	Clear writing/presentation and communication of ideas. Directly links back to the question. Answer is directly related to the question. Writing flows well and is easy to follow. Development of ideas is sophisticated and nuanced.	Clear demonstration of factual knowledge and advanced research throughout. Highly sophisticated and insightful evaluation of evidence. Excellent analysis.	4 Marks