PEAP 4 6-Week Online

# PEAP 4 Possible Viva questions:

Here are some possible questions and areas examiners might ask you in your PEAP 4 viva. The question forms and wordings can of course change from one examiner to the other, **and there will be other questions not included here.** It is your responsibility to be as prepared as possible by considering all aspects of your research, learning and paper, that examiners might ask about.

Remember that the purpose of the viva questions is **not** to criticise your work, but to give you the opportunity to discuss and explain your decisions throughout the research, reading and writing process.

| **Area / Questions** |
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| **following-up on your summary phase**   * Why exactly did you choose this topic? * Are there any ideas you have read about but have decided not to include? Why have you chosen to ignore these ideas? |
| **your chosen sources**   * Think about some of the sources you have used. How *reliable* do you think they are? Why do you think this? * Are there any sources you have used a lot? If so, why have you decided to do this? * Have any of the sources caused you problems? Why? What has been difficult about them? |
| **academic positions**   * Think of a position from your controversial area which you did not write about. Explain why you did not focus on this position. * Has your own position on any of the ideas in your paper changed or developed over the last few weeks? If so, how? * Have you read any arguments which you don’t really agree with? To what extent do you disagree? Why? Can you also see any positives in these views, even though you disagree? |
| **conclusions & recommendations**   * What are your current conclusions about the topic overall, or specific areas? * What do you think might be some of the implications and/or recommendations coming out of your paper, in terms of (a) research and (b) application in the real world? |
| **challenges & experiences of the research and writing process**   * Have you had any problems with finding or understanding sources for your paper? How have you been able to deal with these issues? * Which part of the *writing process* did you enjoy most? Why? |
| **the key lessons learned from this course**   * What are the key academic writing and research skills you feel you have learnt from this course? |
| **links to future study**   * How exactly might some of the things you have learnt on this course help you in your future academic studies in the UK? * Thinking about your PAP; do you think there might be any limitations and weaknesses that you might need to improve in future assignments? What, exactly, and why? |