RUBRIC FOR QUESTION 17

Criteria	4	3	2	1	0
Candidate provides a concise definition for the term "genetically modified organisms"			Excellent definition for the term "genetically modified organisms" is given that shows understanding of the term.	The term "genetically modified organisms" is explained but with little understanding.	No definition given.
Candidate differentiates between advantages and disadvantages of using GMOs (4 × 2 = 8)	Excellent differentiation between the advantages and disadvantages are made. 4 × advantages 4 × disadvantages	Clear differentiation between advantages and disadvantages are made.	An attempt is made at differentiating between the advantages and disadvantages.	Candidate has only given either advantages or disadvantages, not both.	Bullet has not been addressed in this essay.
Candidate analyses the positive and negative impacts of GMOs with reference to the statements	It is clear from candidate's analysis that his / her knowledge of GMOs is exceptionally sound. Candidate refers to all the different statements during the analysis.	Analysis has a clear understanding of the positive and negative impact of GMOs. Candidate refers to only some of the statements during analysis.	Candidate fails to provide a meaningful analysis, but may still provide some understanding of GMOs. Candidate refers to only one of the statements during analysis.	Candidate omits either the analysis OR addresses only one positive or one negative impact. No reference is made to any of the statements.	No attempt to address this issue is made.
Conclusion			Clearly understands the topic in depth and presents a clear concise conclusion.	Little understanding of the topic. No clear conclusion.	No conclusion.
Organisation and mechanics: Tone Professional argument Language and terminology Heading Introduction Paragraphs	Tone of article is mature. Suited, appropriate and professional argument. Excellent and appropriate use of language and terminology. Appropriate heading for article. Interesting introduction. Correct paragraphing with good transitions.	Tone is consistent and suited to professional argument. Good and appropriate use of language and terminology. Heading given for article. Mostly appropriate introduction and paragraphing.	Tone, language and terminology is weak. Heading does not relate to article. Attempts at correct introduction and paragraphing.	Writing is almost unintelligible. Tone, language and terminology exceptionally weak. Introduction and paragraphing not present.	No title given. Organisation and mechanics are not met.