

Critical Appraisal of a Topic (CAT) (30%) – Marking Rubric

You are required to submit a critical appraisal of an OB topic, from one of the four topics listed below (2,000 words, excluding abstract of 100 words and references). The CAT report must be original to this course, typed with letter-quality print, 1.5 line spacing, double sided, font size 12 in Times New Roman, and page-numbered. The marking rubric for the CAT is specified below:

MARKING CRITERIA	EXTENT TO WHICH ASSIGNMENT FULFILLS MARKING CRITERIA			
	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Requires further improvement	Inadequate
INTRODUCTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Describes general relevance/importance of the topic – Gist of what we know, and do not know about the topic – Provides overview (thesis statement) of literature review 				
MAIN BODY OF CAT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Description of relevant theories and frameworks – Critical review of current research on the topic – Critical review of major issues and controversies on the topic – Review of strength of evidence to support the research question – Specify a research question ('gap in the literature') that needs to be addressed, and how to address it 				
CONCLUSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Integration of issues in the review – How addressing the research question will 'add' or 'extend' the literature 				
STRUCTURE OF CAT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Logical development of the topic – Clear organisation and labelling of sections and sub-sections – Transitions between major sections, sub-sections and paragraphs 				
PRESENTATION OF CAT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Clear expression of ideas – Grammar, spelling, punctuation, lay-out – Body of the report, and references and using APA 6th Edition guidelines: – http://libguides.anu.edu.au/content.php?pid=165638&sid=1601655 – Minimum 4 A or A* ranked ABDC journal articles (asterisked) – Number of references (15) requirement met 				