

## Writing Skills for Engineering

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Assignment: Writing an Essay / Article

(Collaborative task—in pairs; no individual work)

**Write a 600-word essay or magazine article on one of the topics below. You will find in brackets suggestions for possible approaches.**

1. Storage devices (types, technologies, the most efficient storage device today)
  2. Data transmission (devices, technologies / comparison and contrast)
  3. The mobile phone (evolution / historical approach)
  4. What is the Internet? (definition, uses, services, technical aspects)
  5. How to create a Web page (procedure / sequence)
  6. Desktop computers and laptops (description, uses, a recommendation)
  7. Cloud computing (definition, applications)
- . Remember you need to narrow down your topic according to your preferences. This should be reflected in the title.
- . Beware of plagiarism.

### Schedule and Deadlines for Document Writing

#### Pre-writing Stage

1. Topic choice, analysing audience and purpose: Plan sheet  
**Submission 1:** Plan sheet (Racó) **14<sup>th</sup> March, 2019**
2. Brainstorming, gathering information, considering style and tone
3. Outline of main topics and subtopics  
**Submission 2:** Outline (Racó) **21<sup>st</sup> March, 2019**

#### Writing Stage

4. Paragraphing
5. Essay structure  
**Submission 3:** Draft (by hand) **2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019**

#### Post-writing Stage

6. Revisions: strategy, content selection, paragraphing
7. Proofreading, editing  
**Final Submission:** Revised version (by hand) **30<sup>th</sup> April, 2019**