**Essay Structuring Exercise Questions:**

*[Required and recommended readings for these questions can be found in the Course Outline.]*

Week 2: What motivated early Spanish and Portuguese voyages of exploration? *[Hint: focus on Da Gama and Columbus’ voyages. Consider the motives both of the explorers and the countries that backed them.]*

Week 3: Were the Spanish justified in concluding that the defeat of Native Mexicans demonstrated European superiority over Indigenous Americans? [Hint: to answer this question, it’s very helpful to explain by what criteria you will measure “superiority”.]

Week 4: Why did the Atlantic slave trade come into existence, and how did it work commercially?

Week 5: To what extent, if at all, was the Haitian revolution inspired by the American and French Revolutions?

Week 6: Why did British and Chinese views of the opium trade differ so strongly from one another?

Week 7: What explanations have been put forward to explain famines in India under the 19th century Raj?

Week 8: What is the relationship between European colonialism and mass violence? Give one or two examples in the African context.

Week 9: Why did the Armenian Genocide occur?

*Week 10: No Essay Structuring Exercise Question*

Week 11: How and why did the aims of colonising powers and white settlers differ in the post-war period?

Week 12: Is the conflict between Islam and the West a “clash of civilizations” or a “clash of ignorance?”