

Assessment: Problem-Solution Essay Prompt

The major assessment task in ES1103 is the problem-solution essay (CA2+CA3+CA4=CA5 about 1000 words in total).

Focus

Many ideas, objects or practices encountered in our studies or wider contemporary life have one or more problematic aspects associated with them that otherwise detract from their purported advantages. This means that we need to consider these problems and attempt to counter them by proposing viable solutions.

Task (Essay prompt)

Using your disciplinary content (or any other theme you choose), describe ONE specific problem connected with an issue of interest to you, explaining what, in your view, the problem is. Your problem should focus on a particular community or country. Where possible, evaluate one or more existing approaches which address your chosen problem and suggest one or more new or improved measures which may further mitigate it.

Essay

CA2 - Write **about 500 words** +/- 10% to cover the **Introduction and Problem** aspects of the essay (in-text citations only).

CA3 – After peer review, **rewrite** the first draft (CA2) in about 500 words +/- 10% to cover the **Introduction and Problem** aspects of the essay (in-text citations only).

CA4 - Write **about 500 words** +/- 10% to cover the **Solutions, Recommendations and Conclusion** of the essay (in-text citations only).

CA5 – **Combine CA3 and CA4** to create a complete essay **with References**.

Guidelines

- Narrow down your topic according to the essay prompt.
- Search for sources that are more precisely related to your chosen topic. **Try to include academic sources such as articles in peer reviewed journals.** These will give you the convincing data you need to support your claims, which a journalistic article might not. Engage your selection strategies to use sources effectively and efficiently.
- **For CA2, CA3 and CA4, you must include a list of sources cited in your essay. The list must include live links to all sources cited.**
- For CA5, you must include a correctly formatted APA Style list of References.
- Use the concepts encountered in the tutorials to structure your text, support your ideas and claims, cite external sources and use an appropriate register.

- Follow the steps and advice detailed in the Tutorial 3 notes “The Essay Process”.
- **Do not replicate assignments submitted for other modules** (this may constitute plagiarism).

Submission

Submit each of the CAs to the appropriate submission folder in Canvas by the specified deadlines.

- CA2 - Sunday, 22nd September, 23:59
- CA3 - Sunday, 29th September, 23:59
- CA4 - Sunday, 27th October, 23.59
- CA5 - Sunday, 17th November, 23:59