

ACP Assignment 2 Essay Marking Schema:

Marking for the essays is done in 4 sections. Each section has a maximum of 25 points - totalling to 100 points, which is then weighted accordingly to form the mark for the assignment (CW1 / CW2).

These sections are:

C1. Comprehensibility / Clarity

The essay is clear and understandable. The terms are defined for the non-expert and used in a consistent way. It is clear what the main position of the author is.

C2. Structure of the essay

The essay has an introduction clearly stating the focus of the essay, a body that unfolds the ideas in a natural and coherent way, and a conclusion that restate the main point(s) of the essay. The essay includes a list of references. Citations and references consistently follow a set of rules (depending on the chosen style)

C3. Quality of argument

There is a logical connection between the premises and conclusions. The premises are relevant (in favour of) and sufficient for the conclusion. **The essay considers also alternative views (counter-arguments) showing why they are flawed.** In other words, there is a clear refutation for each counter-argument.

C4. Quality of evidence

The premises are reliable with solid evidence to support them.

Section	None	Unaccept.	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
C1	(0) Not attempted	(2) Some effort but mostly not clear / not understandable	(5) A good amount of effort but many parts not clear / not understandable	(10) A good amount of effort but some few parts not clear / not understandable	(18) A very good amount of effort and very few (max 1-2) parts not clear / not understandable	(25) An exceptional amount of effort and everything is clear / fully understandable
C2	(0) Not attempted	(3) Essay is not structured and no flow; no (usable) citations, no references	(5) Essay is somehow structured and has some flow; minimal (usable) citations, minimal references	(10) Essay is structured and has a bit of flow; some (usable) citations, some references	(18) Essay is good structured and has a flow; reasonable (usable) citations, reasonable references	(25) Essay has a very good structure and flow; very good citations and references
C3	(0) Not attempted	(0) No argument evident	(5) Minimal argument and reasoning given , no counter-arguments	(10) Little argument, some reasoning and counter-argument	(18) Good argument, reasoning and counter-argument	(25) Very good argumenta and reasoning as well as counter-arguments
C4	(0) Not attempted	(0) No evidence given	(5) Minimal evidence provided	(10) Some usable evidence is provided	(18) Good evidence	(25) Very good evidence