

Exam Evaluation Guide

Each essay exam question, regardless of its worth, is assessed according to the below criteria. Whether the question is worth 2 points or 10 points, points are awarded based on the following:

Accuracy – your answer is accurate/correct.

Clarity – your writing is clear, simple, and easy to follow. It does not rely on jargon and the reasoning is linear, not circular (i.e., this point leads to that point, which leads to the next point, etc.)

Complete answers – your answer is complete. All parts to multi-part questions are answered.

Depth – your answer shows depth, a fuller understanding. Rambling answers with poorly connected ideas or superficial answers lend themselves to the perception that you do not have a clear understanding of what you are trying to say.

Illustrations – exemplars, examples, vignettes, or illustrations can help make your point, particularly, when your narrative explanation is not clear.