

Exam Evaluation Rubric

Each essay exam question, regardless of its point value, is assessed according to the below criteria.

Accuracy – the degree to which your answer is accurate/correct.

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

Complete answers – the degree to which your answer is complete. The answer answers the question posed, and all parts to multi-part questions are answered.

Depth – the degree to which your answer shows depth, a full 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 – the degree to which you are able to use exemplars, examples, vignettes, or illustrations that can help make your point.