

Theory of knowledge prescribed titles

May 2024 examination session

Instructions to candidates

- Your theory of knowledge essay must be written on one of the six essay titles (questions) provided overleaf. These essay titles take the form of knowledge questions that are focused on the areas of knowledge. You may choose any of the titles but are recommended to make your choice in consultation with your teacher.
- Your essay will be marked according to the assessment instrument published in the **theory of knowledge guide**. Examiners will be looking to see that you have provided a clear, coherent and critical exploration of your chosen title.
- Examiners will mark your essay against the title as set. It is very important that you respond to the title exactly as given and do not alter the title in any way. Please note that any quotations that appear in the titles are not necessarily authentic. They will present a real point of view but may not be direct quotations.
- Your theory of knowledge essay must be submitted to your teacher for authentication. Any external sources used must be acknowledged and should be cited according to a recognized convention.
- Your theory of knowledge essay should be written in standard size 12 font and be double spaced. It must be a maximum of 1600 words.

1. Is subjectivity overly celebrated in the arts but unfairly condemned in history? Discuss with reference to the arts **and** history.
 2. How can we reconcile the opposing demands for specialization and generalization in the production of knowledge? Discuss with reference to mathematics **and one other** area of knowledge.
 3. Nothing is more exciting than fresh ideas, so why are areas of knowledge often so slow to adopt them? Discuss with reference to the human sciences **and one other** area of knowledge.
 4. Do we underestimate the challenges of taking knowledge out of its original context and transferring it to a different context? Discuss with reference to **two** areas of knowledge.
 5. Do we need custodians of knowledge? Discuss with reference to **two** areas of knowledge.
 6. Are we too quick to assume that the most recent evidence is inevitably the strongest? Discuss with reference to the natural sciences **and one other** area of knowledge.
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