

Marking Guide for Assessment

The following is a list of criteria that each marker takes into account when marking ALL Higher Education written work submitted to ACOM for assessment. Students should be aware that markers will fail assignments that do not meet these criteria.

	Fail (<50%)	Pass (50-64%)	Credit (65-74%)	Distinction (75-84%)	High Distinction (85-100%)
General Description	Work that fails to attain the required outcome(s), lacking in basic knowledge, understanding, analysis, and presentation	Work that satisfactorily attains the required outcomes(s,) with adequate knowledge, understanding, analysis, and presentation	Work that soundly attains the required outcomes(s) showing a good level of knowledge, understanding, analysis, presentation and some evidence of critical interpretation	Excellent work that substantially attains the required outcomes(s) showing a high level of knowledge, understanding, analysis, critical interpretation, presentation and some originality	Outstanding work that comprehensively attains the required outcome(s) showing superior knowledge, understanding, analysis, critical interpretation, presentation and originality
Resources Up to 10% of total mark	Inadequate evidence of having used appropriate resources	Evidence of having used some appropriate resources	Evidence of a sound understanding of appropriate resources	Evidence of relevant use of resources beyond expectations	Evidence of wide, relevant, and independently gained resources.
Knowledge of Topic Up to 30% of total mark	Inadequate factual and conceptual knowledge	Demonstrated satisfactory factual and conceptual knowledge to serve as a basis for further study	Demonstrated extensive factual and conceptual knowledge	Demonstrated substantial factual and conceptual knowledge incorporating highly distinctive insight into deeper and more subtle aspects of the topic	Demonstrated outstanding factual and conceptual knowledge incorporating highly distinctive insight into deeper and more subtle aspects of the topic
Articulation of Argument Up to 20% of total mark	Insufficient construction of a coherent argument	Ability to construct sound argument based on evidence	Ability to construct well-reasoned and coherent argument based on discriminating use of evidence	Argument contains evidence of imagination, originality, and independent thought	Sustained evidence of imagination, originality, and independent thought throughout the argument
Analytical and Reflective Skills Up to 15% of total mark	Insufficient evidence of analytical and reflective skills	Evidence of analytical and reflective skills	Evidence of developed analytical and reflective skills	Evidence of well- developed analytical and reflective skills	Evidence of highly developed analytical and reflective skills
Application Up to 15% of total mark	Insufficient evidence of appropriate application	Evidence of some application	Ability to apply some of the concepts to specific situations.	Ability to apply concepts to challenging problems	Ability to apply to non-routine or very challenging problems
Expression and Presentation appropriate to the Discipline Up to 10% of total mark	Inadequate skills in expression, presentation, and documentation	Adequate skills in expression, presentation, and documentation	Good skills in expression, presentation, and documentation	Well-developed skills in expression, presentation, and documentation appropriate to wider audiences	Highly developed skills in expression, presentation, and documentation appropriate to wider audiences

Marking Guide for Forum Posts

Mark	Overall description of posts for that forum	Select the Mark and overall description that comes closest to that described by the labels below			
		Length of posts this forum	Answering the Question	Interacting with other students	Examples
0	No Contribution	Nil	Nil	Nil
0.5	Barely adequate	Less than 75 words	Barely answered	Nil	I agree with Jim. I think/feel ABC
1.0	Adequate	At least 75 words	Answered the question	Moderate response with others	Jim said this....., and I think that..... This question is important because.....).
1.5	Above Average	At least 75 words	Significant Reflection OR	Significant Engagement	I think Jim has this correct, but author XYZ comments.....) Here are the two points I struggle with in this area
2.0	Excellent work	At least 75 words	Original thought in response	Interaction enhances the conversation	These comments are interesting, but what is the prime driver for this?" My thoughts are.....

Please note that the examples are examples only. They are not meant to be the “right” way to answer.