

Judging criteria

Each essay is marked out of 100 against the four criteria below. Clarity of expression is valued over complexity of vocabulary: judges reward the quality of thinking, not the length of words.

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MARKS

Response to the prompt

- Addresses the prompt directly and engages with its full implications.
- Sustains a clear and coherent line of argument throughout.
- Draws conclusions that follow logically from the evidence presented.

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MARKS

Insight and understanding

- Uses evidence that is relevant, accurate and appropriately credited.
- Demonstrates a secure understanding of the causes of hunger.
- Develops ideas beyond the obvious, showing independent thought.

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MARKS

Clarity and structure

- Expresses ideas clearly, so that meaning is readily understood.
- Purposefully structured: clear opening, development and conclusion.
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar accurate; errors do not impede meaning.

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MARKS

Voice and originality

- Offers a distinctive and well-considered perspective on the prompt.
- Writes in a confident, individual voice suited to audience and purpose.
- Leaves a lasting impression on the reader.

All essays are assessed by human judges. AI is not used in scoring.

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