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Candidate personal code

Extended essay - Reflections on planning and progress form

Candidate: This form is to be completed by the candidate during the course and completion of their EE. This document records reflections on your planning and progress, and the nature of your discussions with your supervisor. You must undertake three formal reflection sessions with your supervisor: The first formal reflection session should focus on your initial ideas and how you plan to undertake your research; the interim reflection session is once a significant amount of your research has been completed, and the final session will be in the form of a viva voce once you have completed and handed in your EE. This document acts as a record in supporting the authenticity of your work. The three reflections combined must amount to no more than 500 words.

The completion of this form is a mandatory requirement of the EE for first assessment May 2018. It must be submitted together with the completed EE for assessment under Criterion E.

Supervisor: You must have three reflection sessions with each candidate, one early on in the process, an interim meeting and then the final viva voce. Other check-in sessions are permitted but do not need to be recorded on this sheet. After each reflection session candidates must record their reflections and as the supervisor you must sign and date this form.

First reflection session

Candidate comments:

This was my first meeting with my supervisor. We discussed the next step to this process which includes finalizing my topic. We agreed that the best way to tackle the topic of medicinal marijuana, would be relating it to the ethics of using Medicinal marijuana in different religions. The next step I am going to take is find leaders from the Jewish community, Christian community, and Islamic community. I will interview these people and ask their opinion of the usage of Medical marijuana. I will also ask if their religion restricts this kind of activity, even if it is helping terminally ill patients get better. After the meeting I have already found a Christian and Jewish leader to interview, I am still looking for someone to represent the Islamic community. I have started to outline my interview questions, so I do not go in unprepared.

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**Interim reflection**

Candidate comments:

My second reflection meeting was based on the best way to go about writing my extended essay in length and how to properly use my sources in the best way possible. I originally had planned having interviews from all three religions that I was researching, and connecting them to whether or not they agree of the usage of medical marijuana. I ran into a little bit of a problem in this process, I was not able to physically meet with the interviewees, meaning that they were a friend of a friend. My friend was going to sit down with them and ask the questions for me, and then he would report back to me. My supervisor and I agreed that this would not be the best way possible to gain that information. So, I decided to skip the interviews. Also, my supervisor was generous enough to allow me to have a few extra days to complete the first draft of the extended essay, which was very generous of her. This allowed me to do my best work possible and not be rushed at the same time.

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Final reflection - Viva voce

Candidate comments:

There are a few things with my essay that I can reflect on. For one it was the wealth of information that was available on the topic, from legal to religious. I wish I had used more of those religious texts to cite in my paper. Due to the fact that the paper was on marijuana in religion, I believe more historical evidence could have helped because religions are largely based on their historical texts. Furthermore, I believe the lowest point of my essay was deciding a topic both relevant while at the same time not oversaturated. It was difficult to do this before I found my topic. The high point was finishing the paper before the deadline in a calm manner and editing it slowly before submission. These skills are crucial in critical writing and I am glad I was able to use them. Finally, I wish my essay had a bit more structure and used a bit better transitions between paragraphs. Reading it now, I can tell I could have used better words or phrases to transition into other ideas and topics.

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Supervisor comments:

Supervisor: By submitting this candidate work for assessment, you are taking responsibility for its authenticity. No piece of candidate work should be uploaded/submitted to the e-Coursework system if its authenticity is in doubt or if contradictory comments are added to this form. If your text in the box below raises any doubt on the authenticity of the work, this component will not be assessed.

The extended essay process presented several challenges for the student. From the beginning, the openness of being able to choose any subject area and topic was a bit overwhelming to him. He eventually settled on his topic because of personal interest in world religions and religious beliefs and family ties to medical marijuana legislation in New York. Narrowing his focus was also a challenge, but he did consult with the librarian and other faculty members to help find direction. In terms of self-management skills, the extended essay process was a tremendous growth opportunity for the student. He used tools such as outlines and timelines to help him break the school's internal deadlines down into even smaller deadlines for himself. He is, rightly, proud, of the way he was able to manage his time to avoid last minute rushing. His research skills also developed through his work on the essay. In particular, he learned about conducting interviews and the need for multiple perspectives. Overall, the extended essay process was a successful one for the student in that it helped build his skills and confidence in managing a long-term project.

