

<b>Extended essay: Example commentary</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	World studies	<b>WSEE theme (if applicable):</b>	Equality and inequality
<b>Category for language essays (if applicable):</b>		<b>Subjects used for WSEE (if applicable):</b>	Geography Economics
<b>Title of essay:</b>	Poverty in India		
<b>Research question:</b>	To what extent do the ideas in Jeffrey Sachs' poverty trap explain the high levels of poverty and low levels of living in Dharavi, India?		
<b>Assessment details</b>			
<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Mark awarded</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	
A: Focus and method [Maximum possible mark: 6]	5	The topic is communicated effectively, the research question is clearly stated and focused, and methodology is explained well. The research question, the two DP subjects, and the interdisciplinary approach are all addressed.	
B: Knowledge and understanding [Maximum possible mark: 6]	5	Knowledge and understanding are excellent, source material is well selected, and knowledge of the disciplines is evident. Knowledge bases and modes of understanding are clear.	
C: Critical thinking [Maximum possible mark: 12]	10	Research is good, analysis is excellent, as are discussion and evaluation. Focus on the research question is maintained and the conclusion is consistent. There is a definite integrative feel to the essay but interdisciplinarity is muted by the closeness of the cross-subject discussion and the commonality of the sources.	
D: Presentation	3	Structure and layout support the reading and understanding of the essay. Acknowledgment and referencing are a little on the minimal side, although	

[Maximum possible mark: 4]		there is conformity with the bibliography which uses publication dates as identifiers.
E: Engagement [Maximum possible mark: 6]	5	Engagement is excellent. There are definite signs of an emerging global consciousness. Reflections on decision-making and planning are evaluative and communicate a high degree of intellectual and personal engagement.
Total marks awarded	28/34	The strengths of this essay lie in its coverage of some conceptual discussion from two IB subjects. A slight weakness is the lack of a detailed attempt to promote the global issue.