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For first assessment in 2018

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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:

Going into the extended essay process, I knew that I wanted to focus on something that I could relate to on a personal level, but also something that interested me. After looking at current events, I decided to focus on the new Philippines president Roderigo Duterte. I then went supervisor to discuss what I could direct my investigation on and brainstormed the possible areas in which I could hone in my analyses and ended up deciding to focus on the new drug policies that he put in place. Once having done this, I spoke to my supervisor and we brainstormed the possible concepts in the global politics syllabus that I could include. This ended up evidencing itself in my final research question which was "Is the infringement of human rights through the extrajudicial killings in the Philippines a legitimate measure to control drug abuse?".

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Interim reflection

Candidate comments:

I have now finished all my research about Duterte's policies on drugs, understanding the policies and their effects and repercussions. I also researched the concepts of legitimacy, sovereignty and human rights to help look at the issue from different perspectives which would help give my analysis more depth. Once I began writing my essay, I realised that my analyses lacked information from different perspectives as well as arguments in favour of Duterte as I was just focusing news sources with western views. To counteract this, I decided to conduct interviews with Duterte supporters to try and see that issue from another perspective to try and give me a more holistic view on the issue at hand. Finally, I was having trouble finding 'new' information that I could add to the bulk of my analysis as I was coming across the same information on the internet. To solve this issue, I decided to use a greater variety of sources, which included videos, interviews (as mentioned previously) and books such as Duterte's manifesto, which helped me to inform myself on Duterte and his policies.

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Final reflection - Viva voce

Candidate comments:

At the end of this investigation process, I was very content but at the same time shocked with my final product and the change in my opinion. At the beginning of the extended essay process, I was confident on my stance about Duterte's policies being illegitimate, but as my research and analysis developed, my opinion evolved, and now I understand that Duterte's policies are surprisingly legitimate no matter how unethical and cruel.

During this investigation, I came across certain things that I felt particularly strong about which included my ability to apply the concepts of sovereignty, human rights and development to the issue itself and analyse it from these Global Politics concepts. Some of the more challenging obstacles included efficiently structuring my essay so that my ideas were clearly laid out, but also looking at the issue from a pro-Duterte stance as this acted against my ethical beliefs. Overall, this process has helped me to further my understanding and interest of Filipino politics and the importance they have on a global scale.

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Supervisor comments:

began this process with an intense personal connection to the subject matter and some quite strongly held preconceptions as to how the investigation would turn out. He was both surprised and in some ways elated to discover that his research led him to slightly different conclusions than he had expected.

He was careful to explore the government policies from as many perspectives as possible and then to apply his global politics concepts to the situation. As he weighed up the reality of the position with the commonly reported views of it he discovered some interesting contradictions.

was entirely self motivated and independent from the outset. He managed his time effectively and was clearly very pleased with his achievements.

