

Extended essay: Example commentary			
Subject	Social and cultural anthropology	WSEE theme (if applicable):	
Category for language essays (if applicable):		Subjects used for WSEE (if applicable):	
Title of essay:	Resistance and Rebellion: The Role of Hip-Hop in Moulding Identity among Hong Kong Youths		
Research question:	To what extent is Hip-Hop a form of resistance among youths in Hong Kong?		
Assessment details			
Criterion	Mark awarded	Commentary	
A: Focus and method [Maximum possible mark: 6]	6	The topic is approached anthropologically and communicated clearly and effectively (6/6). The research question is sharply focused, framed within anthropological perspective (6/6). Methodology is complete, there is appropriate selection of secondary sources, primary sources are used supplementary (5/6).	
B: Knowledge and understanding [Maximum possible mark: 6]	6	The use of terminology and concepts is accurate and consistent (6/6). Application of source material is appropriate to the research question, knowledge of the topic in the context of the discipline is clear. Good knowledge of relevant theory (6/6).	
C: Critical thinking [Maximum possible mark: 12]	9	Research is appropriate to the research question and its application to support the argument is consistently relevant (10/12). Analysis is good, there are minor inconsistencies (8/12). There is some evaluation and an effective reasoned argument is developed (9/12).	
D: Presentation	4	The structure of the essay is appropriate in terms of expected conventions (4/4). Layout considerations are applied correctly—title page includes title, research	

[Maximum possible mark: 4]		question and word count; table of contents is clearly set out; page numbers, section headings, references and bibliography follow a consistent style (4/4).
E: Engagement [Maximum possible mark: 6]	5	Engagement with the process is conceptual and personal, theoretical challenges are discussed (5/6). High degree of personal and intellectual engagement with the research focus (5/6).
Total marks awarded	30/34	Popular culture is approached with a sound anthropological approach; theory and relevant concepts frame the development of this well focused and well researched essay.