

Extended essay: Example commentary
Subject: World religions
WSEE theme (if applicable):
Category for language essays (if applicable):
Subjects used for WSEE (if applicable):
Title of essay: Marijuana in religion
Research question: To what extent is the use of medical marijuana ethical in different religions?
Assessment details
Criterion: Mark awarded
Commentary

A: Focus and method

[Maximum possible mark: 6]

6 The question is clear and precise. There might be a concern that the words “different religions” leaves it open to the possible risk of being too broad, but the essay is sensibly confined to Judaism, Christianity and Islam. An appropriate range of relevant, informed sources has been selected in relation to the topic and research question.

B: Knowledge and understanding

[Maximum possible mark: 6]

6 Knowledge of the topic is clear and coherent, and sources are used effectively and with understanding. The use of subject-specific terminology and concepts is accurate and consistent, demonstrating effective knowledge and understanding.

C: Critical thinking

[Maximum possible mark: 12]

11 The research is analysed effectively and clearly focused on the research question. An effective and focused reasoned argument is developed from the research with a conclusion reflective of the evidence presented. The research has been critically evaluated.

D: Presentation

[Maximum possible mark: 4]

4 The presentation is good. The structure and layout support the reading and evaluation of the essay.

E: Engagement

[Maximum possible mark: 6]

6 Engagement is excellent. The student has reflected thoughtfully on planning, decision-making, and the overall process. There is evidence of a high degree of personal engagement.
Total marks awarded: 33/34