



Upper Sixth Research Titles 2019

Reflective Project (up to 3000 words):

The Reflective Project is intended to deal with an ethical issue connected with a student's applied A Level. The aim is that the student researches their issue of choice and records and reflects upon their progress as the document progresses. Being a reflective document, much is made of the student's journey as well as the topic itself; any changes in the student's own thoughts or attitudes about the topic should be recorded and evaluated. As an academic document, the quality of and evaluation of research is also assessed.

- Should companies hire women because they're women or should they hire who's qualified?
- Is confiscating technology in schools a viable/ethical way to deal with phone addiction in schools?
- Is it ethically acceptable for Snapchat to use locational features?
- Are TNC's ethically correct?
- Is it a sensible marketing tactic to promote your business as cruelty free?
- Are the effects of boycotting sweatshops justifiable?
- Is it right for financial service providers to provide payday loans as borrowing products?
- Is it ethical for companies to make money off from gun sales when they could be used for illegal purposes?
- Is the way that children are exploited as an effort to gain funding for orphanages in Romania ethically correct?

Extended Project Qualification (up to 5000 words):

The EPQ requires students to produce a research project. It is designed as a stretch and challenge opportunity; to investigate a topic beyond the normal confines of an A-Level qualification or something of particular personal interest. The project provides very good evidence that candidates can work independently to plan, research, and present findings in an appropriate medium. Students are required to: devise, design and plan a project; research, critically select, organise and use information; select and use a range of resources; analyse findings and evaluate the outcomes of their project.

- What has been the impact of the failings in the Hamzah Khan case?
- Can the Cambodian genocide be considered an act of uricide?
- How have spending cuts in the NHS impacted on the paramedic service?
- The impact of Feminism in America.
- Why is a University degree valued so highly in the UK?
- How did the Kerlan floods of 1923 and 2017 impacted the region?
- How effective is the death penalty as a deterrent?
- What has been the impact of the one and done rule on basketball?
- How effective are Nike campaigns?
- What impact would a population of 10 billion have on the world?

- An investigation of the representations of femininity in Fauvism.

Extended Essay (IB Diploma) (up to 4000 words):

The aim of the Extended Essay is for students to carry out an independent piece of research on a topic that interests them within an area of their studies. Students are expected to show intellectual initiative and rigour throughout the process. The Extended Essay gives students the opportunity to develop their research, self-management and communication skills. Students are expected to show thinking through analysing the research they have found, as well as reflect upon their performance throughout the process. The Extended Essay is an excellent opportunity to undertake the type of work that will be common place at university.

- How successfully did the Labour Party use social media as a tool in the 2017 UK general election?
- To what extent has the implementation of VAT in 2017 had a negative impact on the housing market in Dubai?
- Inwiefern haben Deutsche Medien 'Ostalgie' in 'Deutschland 83' und 'Good Bye Lenin!' aufgezeigt?
- To what extent was the completion of the first transcontinental railroad the greatest cause of the loss of the Indigenous Peoples' traditional lifestyle in the United States of America during the period 1830-1890?
- How do different distributions of frequencies in a single note affect the overall sound that we hear?
- Does the alcohol concentration of a mouthwash determine the hygiene product's ability to kill bacteria?
- To what extent is the price elasticity of demand of snack food items sold in the Anglo European School sixth form canteen relatively price inelastic?
- How and to what extent is protest an integral part of the poetry of Maya Angelou?
- Is Berkeley's proof of the non-existence of matter nothing more than "ingenious sophistry"?
- How far did language used in the media cause a false pretense around the 1980's aid epidemic in the US?
- Should the death penalty of people with mental illnesses be banned?
- How does the intensity of cosmic rays vary over a day and 27 day period at sea level at 50° north?
- To what extent are serial killers formed more by genetics than environmental factors?
- What role has literature played in the development of a Caribbean identity in the post-colonial era?
- Looking at second generation Nigerian artists, Yinka Shonibare and Sokari Douglas Camp, to what extent has westernisation and cultural dilution positively influenced Nigerian visual art?
- To What Extent Can the Opportunity Cost Between Treatment and Prevention for Cardiovascular Diseases Influence the Number of Related Deaths Each Year in the United Kingdom?
- Does cosmetic surgery have an influence on mental well being?
- How and to what extent has dystopian novels evolve into sci-fi?
- To what extent was the policy of social housing successful in Britain 1945-55?

- To what extent does poverty play a role in the human trafficking of girls in China?
- How successful were Ataturk's reforms for Turkey?
- How might Nietzsche's 'Übermensch' concept influence how we respond to the meaning of life?
- How does the media use language and image in magazines such as Cosmopolitan, Glamour and Vogue to portray eating disorders?
- Do natural remedies such as garlic and honey help fight human diseases?