

## Final mocks general feedback

Here are general remarks from your final P1 and P2 mocks:

- Focus on the question! There were lots of responses where you didn't address the question. You wrote about something unrelated to the question.
- Review the command terms and their requirements from the Guide.
- Be consistent. It's better to have many mediocre responses than just one excellent response. This applies to P1 in particular, but to P2 as well.
- Remember the structure of the essay/ERQ:
  - (1) Introduction: What is the problem with the question and how are you going to deal with it?
  - (2) Body of the essay: Contents, theories and terms with pieces of research relevant to the question
  - (3) Conclusion: How did you address the problem you postulated in the beginning of your essay/ERQ?
- Most of you had a good intro, but some of you jumped into the body of the essay. This is an easy way to get a couple of extra marks.
- **Do NOT use the word prove with empirical research!** Empirical research, like in psychology, cannot prove a thing. Only in formal sciences like mathematics and logic you can prove stuff. Empirical research shows, provides evidence or supports a theory or a content, but never proves it.
- Accurate use of psychological terminology is the key to success in IB psychology. For example, don't confuse natural / naturalistic experiment with field experiment. Please, review essential terms and use them appropriately.
- With research method questions, some of you didn't specify the research method. You should have pinpointed a specific research method. Some of you confused research methods with brain imaging technologies, which are not the same things. As above, be very specific with the terminology.