

HOLISTIC CRITICAL THINKING IN ESSAYS

Criterion A: Focus on the question

- The outline and the focus of your answer

PEEL

Criterion B: Knowledge and understanding

- Selection, appropriate use and contextualisation of contents, terms and theories
- Evaluation of contents, terms and theories

TEACUP

ETHICALITY

Criterion C: Use of research to support the answer

- Selection of studies as part of the overall argument in your essay
- Evaluation of studies

ETHICALITY

MAGEC

GRENAD

Criterion D: Critical thinking

- Research design and methodologies
 - Triangulation
- Assumptions and biases
- Contradictory evidence or alternative theories or explanations
 - Areas of uncertainty

PEEL

Criterion E: Clarity and organisation

- The shape of the overall argument in your essay