

IB RUBRICS

IB Diploma Programme Extended Essay Assessment Criteria

DP

34 points total

5 criteria

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The IB Diploma Programme Extended Essay Assessment Criteria scored out of 34 points across 5 criteria, for research essay, extended essay writing at DP (grades 11-12); this criteria model is valid through the November 2026 exam session — a revised EE model is first assessed May 2027.

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https://philpot.education/pluginfile.php/1650/mod_page/content/10/Extended%20Essay%20assessment%20criteria.pdf

How it is scored

CRITERION	POINTS	LEVELS
Criterion A: Focus and Method	6	3
Criterion B: Knowledge and Understanding	6	3
Criterion C: Critical Thinking	12	4
Criterion D: Presentation	4	2
Criterion E: Engagement	6	3
Total	34	

What each criterion measures

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- **Criterion A: Focus and Method** is worth 6 of the 34 points, scored across 3 levels.
- **Criterion B: Knowledge and Understanding** is worth 6 of the 34 points, scored across 3 levels.
- **Criterion C: Critical Thinking** is worth 12 of the 34 points, scored across 4 levels.
- **Criterion D: Presentation** is worth 4 of the 34 points, scored across 2 levels.
- **Criterion E: Engagement** is worth 6 of the 34 points, scored across 3 levels.

Scoring record

Student	Assignment	Date
CRITERION	SCORE	COMMENTS
Criterion A: Focus and Method	/ 6	
Criterion B: Knowledge and Understanding	/ 6	
Criterion C: Critical Thinking	/ 12	
Criterion D: Presentation	/ 4	
Criterion E: Engagement	/ 6	
Total	/ 34	

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