## **UU200 Ethics and Governance**

## **UU200 Assignment 3 - ESSAY GUIDELINES**

**Submission date:** Friday, Week 10

Submission mode: Submit electronic version through Moodle (using turn-it-in) and deliver hard

copy to SGDIA secretary, Ms. Prashila Narayan, FBE, Room S102. The hard copy

must include the signed declaration at the end of the course outline.

**Coursework Weighting: 20%** 

**Objective:** To **conduct research** on issues relating to ethics and governance in national,

regional and global arenas (UU200 Learning Objectives 2, 3 & 4).

**Topics:** Please select **ONE** of the following topics:

1. Choose **ONE** ethical issue that highlights the debate between **cultural relativism** and **human rights**. What position would a cultural relativist take on this issue and why? How would this differ from the position of a human rights activist? What is your personal stance on this issue?

- 2. **Bioethics** is the study of controversial ethical issues arising from advances in medicine and biology. Select **ONE** bioethical issue and clearly highlight the arguments **for** and **against** it. Cite at least **three** examples from around the world to support the arguments raised here. What is your personal stance on this issue?
- 3. Discuss **TWO regional** examples where **senior officials** in **companies**, **businesses** OR **government** have acted **unethically**. Link your discussion to principles of governance. Why do you think such practices occur? Why are global ethical standards such as the United Nations Global Compact important in corporations/businesses?
- 4. Relate the theory of **anthropocentrism** to **ONE environmental issue** affecting the Pacific region. Suggest some ways of tackling this issue by discussing the following concepts: **eco-justice**, **global ethic** and the **Earth Charter**.
- 5. Preston (2007: 9) states that "... for good or ill, ethical choices arise in this web of interconnectedness. It has always been so, though arguable, as we move into a new millennium, ethical questions are sharper and the importance of ethics is emphasized in a qualitatively new way." Explain what Preston means by the web of interconnectedness and discuss how challenges in the new millennium have seen sharper ethical questions being raised. Your essay should focus predominantly on examples from the Pacific region.

## UU200 Assignment 3 - CHECKLIST USING THE RSD FRAMEWORK

1.	Embark and Clarify:
	Have you selected <b>one</b> of the above topics? Have you prepared a plan of the essay? Have you attempted to define and unpack the keyword and theories in the essay? Do you have a clear understanding of the essay's aims/objectives or purpose?
2.	Find and Generate:
	Have you conducted extensive research on the essay topic in the library? Have you conducted extensive research on the essay topic using online databases?
3.	Evaluate and Reflect:
	Is the information presented in your essay accurate? Is the information in your essay from credible "academic" sources? (Note: Wikipedia is not an academic source.) Have you thoroughly reflected on the essay topic and information gathered?
4.	Analyse and Synthesise:
	Is the essay presented in your own words with accompanying citations where appropriate? Is there evidence of analysis and synthesis in your essay? Have you cited regional/global examples to substantiate the arguments in your essay? Do you demonstrate critical thought in the essay? Is your personal stance clear in the essay?
5.	Organise and Manage:
	Have you addressed all the parts of the essay question? Is the essay structure coherent? Do the ideas/arguments flow? Is your essay 1,500 words in length? (Marks will be deducted for essays that are 10% above or 10% below the word limit.) Is the essay submitted on time? (A penalty of 10% will be deducted for each day the essay is late.)
6.	Communicate and Apply
	Is your essay typed using 12 point font and double line spacing? Is your essay written in an academic style (following conventions learnt in UU114)? Have you proof-read your essay for spelling/grammar errors? Have you consistently used the Harvard referencing style within the essay (in-text references)? Have you referred to at least 7 books and/or journal articles in the essay and bibliography? Have you cited at least 3 online (academic) sources in the essay and bibliography? Have you consistently used the Harvard referencing style to prepare the bibliography? Have you submitted a draft of your essay using turn-it-in? Does the similarity index suggest that you have plagiarised or guoted extensively in the essay?

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## **UU200 Assignment 3 - ESSAY MARKING RUBRIC**

RSD FRAMEWORK			COMMENTS
EMBARK:			
Understands and states the aim/purpose of the essay (1m)  Defines and unpacks the key terms/theories (1m)			
FIND AND GENERATE:			
Includes 10 in-text references within the essay (1m)			
Lists 7 books and/or journal articles in the bibliography (1m) Lists 3 online (academic) sources in the bibliography (1 m)			
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EVALUATE AND REFLE Presents accurate info			
Cites credible sources	,		
ANALYSE AND SYNTHE	,		
Presents essay in own words with accompanying citations (2m)			
Evidence of original analysis and synthesis using ethical reasoning (2m)			
Cites regional/global examples to substantiate the arguments (2m)			
ORGANISE AND MANA	· <del>··</del>		
Addresses all parts of the essay question (1m)			
	y structure (the ideas/arguments flow) (1m)		
	length and submits essay on time (1m)		
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	ns of academic writing (½m)		
Proof-reads the essay for spelling and grammar errors (1m)  Consistently uses the Harvard Referencing Style within the essay (1m)			
Consistently uses the Harvard style to prepare the bibliography (1m)			
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Tutor's signature & date:

Name and Id No:

**Tutor and Tutorial Day/Time:** 

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