

BAICE STUDENT ESSAY PRIZE – JUDGEMENT CRITERIA

Quality Point	Fair (1)	Good (2)	Excellent (3)
1. Originality: the paper should deal with a subject of interest within its scholarly field and make a creative contribution to knowledge.			
2. The aims of the work and the problems that it addresses should be clearly stated.			
3. Analysis of existing scholarship should be fair, accurate and relevant, and as far as possible should be analytical rather than descriptive.			
4. Methodological self-awareness: the candidate should show awareness of the premises, limitations and potentialities of his or her chosen methodology.			
5. Appropriateness of methodology: there should be an optimal fit between the needs of the theme and the type of methodology adopted.			
6. Structure: the paper should have a coherent, well-argued structure, and the various parts of it should be appropriately balanced.			
7. The author's interpretations and conclusions must be warranted by evidence adduced.			
8. Quality of the writing: the work must be clearly expressed and written in grammatically sound English.			
9. Referencing must be in keeping with an acceptable scholarly convention (e.g. that of the journal <i>Compare</i>) which has been consistently applied both within the paper and in the reference list.			
10. General comments of the assessor.			
Total out of 30 points			