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**EXTENDED ESSAY – INTERIM REFLECTION**

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| **Candidate:** |  |
| **Session Year:** | May  | **Date of Reflection:** |  |
| **EE Subject:** |  |
| **EE Topic:** |  |
| **EE Research Question:** |  |
| **EE Supervisor:** |  |

The interim reflection will take place when the student is a considerable way through the process, for instance when one or more of these conditions apply:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Most of the research has been completed.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Some preliminary findings have been produced.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ An outline of the essay has been produced.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Some sections of the essay have been written.

**Guiding questions for the interim reflection**

The following are guiding questions and may help students to direct their thoughts.

Not all of these questions will apply.

**LOOKING BACKWARD: *Where am I now?***

1. \_\_\_\_\_ How has the knowledge I have gained helped me to refine my research question?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Has my understanding of the research question changed?
3. \_\_\_\_\_ To what extent do the methods I have chosen allow me to address the research question?
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Has the research process produced the results I expected or has it revealed some additional insights/changes to my approach?
5. \_\_\_\_\_ How accurate and reliable is the data I am using?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Am I developing a coherent argument that is related to my research question?
7. \_\_\_\_\_ What obstacles have I encountered in my research and how have I addressed these?
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Have any additional ethical issues emerged from my approach? If so, how have I addressed these?
9. \_\_\_\_\_ How closely have I been able to adhere to my original plan or have I needed to adapt it?

**LOOKING FORWARD: *Where do I want to go and how do I get there?***

1. \_\_\_\_\_ How, and in what ways, has reflection on my progress and the feedback I have received changed my approach to the task?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ What will I do to ensure that the task is achievable in the required timeframe?
3. \_\_\_\_\_ In reflecting on my approach to the essay, what are my strengths and limitations as a learner?

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| **Candidate’s Interim Reflection (300 – 400 words)**Please address both “looking backward” and “looking forward” guiding questions in your statement below. |
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