

NEDBANK AND THE PROVINCIAL TREASURY GRADE 11 ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

LEARNER ESSAY AND ORAL PRESENTATION

This rubric is used to assess the learner's final product, namely:

- the research process;
- technical aspects (the framework);
- the content; and
- how the project is communicated (oral).

Scores in the marking rubric are converted to numerical values to award marks for the project.

ESSAY

RATING SCALE → CRITERIA ↓	1 = Not achieved 0-20%	2 = Partially achieved 21-39%	3 = Achieved 41-59%	4 = Achieved at a very good level 60-79%	5 = Outstanding/Excellent achievement 80-100%	Mark awarded (%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical aspects (framework) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Title page ▫ Table of contents ▫ Introduction ▫ Contents ▫ Conclusions ▫ Recommendations ▫ Sources ▫ Min 2 200 words, max 2 500 	<p>Has not met the technical requirements at all.</p> <p>Written presentation lacking in many aspects.</p> <p>Lacking detail evident in most aspects.</p>	<p>Partially meets some of the technical requirements.</p> <p>Not all criteria met – not enough detail evident in some aspects.</p>	<p>Meets the technical requirements.</p> <p>Neat appearance of project with adequate attention to detail in most aspects evident.</p>	<p>Project is attractive and meets all requirements very well.</p> <p>Very good attention to detail regarding all aspects is evident.</p>	<p>Exceeds all the technical requirements and has submitted an outstanding piece of work with supporting graphics (charts, pictures, photographs, diagrams and tables).</p>	<p>[] /100</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research process <p>There is clear evidence that a thorough background study was done and that existing aspects which address the topic have been examined, using appropriate methods to conduct research (e.g. conducting interviews / recording own observations and taking photos/researching a variety of literature on the topic, etc.).</p>	<p>Displays little or no skill in data collection.</p> <p>Very little (only one or two) or no evidence of resources consulted.</p>	<p>Displays some skill in data collection.</p> <p>Some evidence of only a few resources consulted.</p>	<p>Shows knowledge of and displays skill in data collection.</p> <p>Acceptable evidence of a range of resources consulted.</p>	<p>Shows very good knowledge of and displays skill in data collection.</p> <p>Good evidence of very good range of resources consulted.</p>	<p>Shows outstanding knowledge of and displays excellent skill in data collection.</p> <p>Excellent evidence of extremely wide range of resources consulted.</p>	<p>[]</p> <p>/100</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content Introduction 	<p>Displays little or no skill in:</p> <p>Recording & organising data e.g. tables and graphs.</p>	<p>Displays some skill in:</p> <p>Recording & organising data e.g. tables and graphs.</p>	<p>Shows knowledge of and displays skill in:</p> <p>Recording & organising data e.g. tables and graphs.</p>	<p>Shows very good knowledge of and displays skill in:</p> <p>Recording & organising data e.g. tables and graphs.</p>	<p>Shows outstanding knowledge of and displays excellent skill in:</p> <p>Recording & organising data e.g. tables and graphs.</p>	<p>[]</p> <p>/100</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content Body <p>Critically examine South African VAT adjustment scenario</p>	<p>Introduction not relevant to topic at all – no interest roused.</p> <p>Shows <u>no</u> or <u>limited</u> understanding of the topic.</p>	<p>Introduction has some relevance to topic – very little interest is roused on what is to follow.</p> <p>Shows a good understanding of the topic. Shows that various views in South Africa (inclusive of</p>	<p>Introduction relevant and sufficient to introduce essay in most aspects – some interested roused.</p> <p>Shows a very good understanding of the topic. Evident that that the VAT adjustment</p>	<p>Very good introduction, sufficient both in length and coverage of all aspects to be addressed – rouses interest on what is to follow.</p> <p>Shows an excellent understanding of the topic. The VAT adjustment scenario was excellently unpacked with clear</p>	<p>Introduction provides all parameters of research topic in an exciting way – reader inquisitive and interested in what is to follow.</p>	<p>[]</p> <p>/100</p>
						<p>Mark</p> <p>[]</p> <p>X2</p>

<p>• Content Body</p> <p>Explain the meaning of the VAT adjustment by <u>outlining its full implications.</u></p>	<p>Shows <u>no or limited</u> understanding of this aspect.</p>	<p>Has <u>some idea</u> of this aspect. Not convinced that the meaning behind VAT adjustment and its implications are fully and well understood. Discussion not convincing at all.</p>	<p>ordinary South Africans) were examined well & discussed in some detail.</p>	<p>scenario was well understood, and critically analysed.</p>	<p>[] /200</p>
<p>Critically examine the VAT adjustment scenario by citing different perspectives (views) of various major political opposition parties in South Africa. In your critical examination, infuse views by prominent economists about the economic consequences of this decision.</p>	<p>Shows <u>no or limited</u> understanding of this aspect.</p>	<p>Shows a <u>good understanding</u> of this aspect. Shows that the meaning and implications of VAT adjustment were discussed in some detail.</p>	<p>Shows a <u>very good understanding</u> of this aspect. Evident that the meaning and implications of VAT adjustment were well understood and discussions convincing.</p>	<p>Shows an <u>excellent understanding</u> of this aspect. Clear evidence that the meaning and implications of VAT adjustment were excellently unpacked, understood and discussed impressively.</p>	<p>Mark [] X2 [] /200</p>
<p>Critically examine the VAT adjustment scenario by citing different perspectives (views) of various major political opposition parties on how the VAT adjustment will either impede or accelerate economic growth and development in South Africa.</p>	<p><u>Not able to cite various perspectives (views) by major South African political opposition parties and economists on how the VAT adjustment will either impede or accelerate economic growth and development in South Africa.</u></p>	<p>A <u>good outline and display of perspectives</u> by various major South African opposition political parties suggesting how the VAT adjustment will either stifle or propel economic growth and development in South Africa.</p>	<p>A <u>very good outline and display of perspectives</u> by various major South African opposition political parties suggesting how the VAT adjustment will either hinder or encourage economic growth and development in South Africa.</p>	<p>An <u>excellent outline and display of perspectives</u> by various major South African opposition political parties suggesting how the VAT adjustment will either stifle or propel economic growth and development in South Africa.</p>	<p>Mark [] X2 [] /200</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content Body <p>Suggest economic advice and / or recommendations to the ruling majority political party (the ANC) on how the VAT adjustment decision would impact the economy generally.</p>	<p><u>Not able to make practical recommendations</u> and suggestions to the ruling political party (ANC) on how the VAT adjustment decision would impact the economy generally. Recommendations not related to research done or content in question.</p>	<p><u>Very little critical thinking displayed</u> – an inability to make practical recommendations and suggestions to the ruling political party (ANC), suggesting impractical, economically unsound and unjustified strategies.</p>	<p><u>Good critical thinking displayed</u> – an ability to make practical recommendations and suggestions to the ruling party (ANC), suggesting practical, economically sound and justified strategies, which are meant to ensure that economic growth and development are not compromised.</p>	<p><u>Very good critical thinking displayed</u> – an ability to make very good practical recommendations and suggestions to the ruling party (ANC), suggesting practical, sound and justified strategies, which are meant to ensure that economic growth and development are not compromised.</p>	<p><u>Excellent critical thinking displayed</u> – a creative ability to make excellent practical recommendations and suggestions to the ruling party (ANC), suggesting very practical, sound and justified strategies, which are meant to ensure that economic growth and development are not compromised.</p>	<p>Mark [] X2 [] /200</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final conclusion 	<p><u>Conclusion is academically and economically weak</u> - not related to research done or content – <u>no valid conclusions</u> regarding how SA citizens and other stakeholders will be impacted by the decision to adjust the VAT.</p>	<p><u>Conclusion not satisfactory</u> – does not portray sound research done – most conclusions are not valid or practical regarding how SA citizens and other stakeholders will be impacted by the decision to adjust the VAT.</p>	<p><u>Good conclusion,</u> however it does not encapsulate good research, findings and recommendations done on this topic of VAT adjustments by the South African government.</p>	<p><u>Very good conclusion</u> – encapsulates very effective scientific research, findings and recommendations regarding VAT by the South African government.</p>	<p><u>Impressive conclusion</u> – encapsulates valid and relevant research, findings and recommendations regarding VAT adjustments by the South African government.</p>	<p>Mark [] X2 [] /200</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • References / sources 	Extremely few sources listed in an unacceptable, disorganised way.	Only a few sources listed with quite a number of errors in referencing protocol.	Acceptable list of sources listed with a number of errors in referencing protocol.	Very good list of sources listed in correct format with only a very few errors in referencing protocol.	Impressive list of sources listed perfectly in correct format in accordance with accepted referencing protocol.	[] /100
TOTAL (Important: Out of 1 500 and divided by 15)						[]/100