

Undergraduate Thesis Assessment Rubric

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Title: British Muslims – Problems of Identity and Their Contribution to British Society

Length: 37 pages

Text Length: 30 pages

Assessment Criteria	Scale	Comments
1. Introduction is well written, brief, interesting, and compelling. It motivates the work and provides a clear statement of the examined issue. It presents and overview of the thesis.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	What there is by way of an Introduction is interesting in itself but this section would have benefited from the addition of another couple of hundred words or so.
2. The thesis shows the author's appropriate knowledge of the subject matter through the background/review of literature. The author presents information from a variety of quality electronic and print sources. Sources are relevant, balanced and include critical readings relating to the thesis or problem. Primary sources are included (if appropriate).	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
3. The author carefully analyzed the information collected and drew appropriate and inventive conclusions supported by evidence. Ideas are richly supported with accurate details that develop the main point. The author's voice is evident.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
4. The thesis displays critical thinking and avoids simplistic description or summary of information.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
5. Conclusion effectively restates the argument. It summarizes the main findings and follows logically from the analysis presented.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
6. The text is organized in a logical manner. It flows naturally and is easy to follow. Transitions, summaries and conclusions exist as appropriate. The author uses standard spelling, grammar, and punctuation.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
7. The language use is precise. The student makes proficient use of language in a way that is appropriate for the discipline and/or genre in which the student is writing.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
8. The thesis meets the general requirements (formatting, chapters, length, division into sections, etc.). References are cited properly within the text and a complete reference list is provided.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	

Final Comments & Questions

The author deserves credit for having undertaken research in the field on such a controversial and potentially sensitive issue. The return of only 15 completed questionnaires may be somewhat disappointing but even these responses provide some useful insights into attitudes among Britain's Muslim community and help dispel the misconception – promoted by certain tabloid newspapers in particular – that the Muslim community as a whole is essentially antagonistic towards the majority white community.

Question:

It is sometimes claimed that Britain today is a multi-racial society but multi-culturalism has been a failure. To what extent would the author agree with this view – specifically with reference to the Muslim community?

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