Student advisory exemplar - History exemplar A

Criteria	Maximum mark	Descriptor level achieved	Comments
A Research question	2	2	
B Introduction	2	1	It is not clear where the introduction ends. The worthiness of the study is not clear.
C Investigation	4	2	Borderline 2/3
D Knowledge and understanding	4	2	Knowledge is given in a descriptive/narrative way. Adequate is the best fit here.
E Reasoned argument	4	2	Some claims are unsubstantiated. Best fit is 2 marks. There is some attempt to present the argument in a logical and coherent manner and produce a reasoned argument to the RQ but it becomes very repetitive as an argument tends to drift into "forbidden territory" towards the end when it deals with events of the last 10 years.
F Analysis and evaluation	4	2	Best fit here is 2 marks. Evaluation is lacking with regards to the source material used and analytical skills are partially effective at best since much of the essay tends to describe rather than critically comment (or analyse) the material and the events.
G Use of subject language	4	2	This is borderline 2/3. The essay is strong on assertions and would have benefited from using the words still available (just under 600) to better evidence the claims. Best fit is a 2 with regards to the wording of the level descriptor.
H Conclusion	2	1	The conclusion is only partially consistent.
I Formal Presentation	4	1	Limited ineffective table of contents and no pagination.
J Abstract	2	1	The research question is stated, the scope is at times unclear. The abstract is not labelled.
K Holistic judgment	4	2	Personal engagement is obvious. On balance, 2.
Total		18	
Summative comment		The word count is fairly low for the piece of work. Sometimes this is self-penalizing. The nature of the task and assessment criteria are drafted and assessed with a 4000 word essay in mind. While the research question is clear enough, "To what extent.." suggests perhaps that other factors will be identified, which further makes the word count rather short if it is to be satisfactorily addressed. Note too the limitations of a History EE. The events considered and assessed must be from within the last ten years.	