

The ERQ Rubric

This rubric is the same for both Paper 1 and Paper 2.

Criterion A. Focus on the question (2 marks)

Markband	Level descriptor
0	Does not reach the standard described by the descriptors below.
1	Identifies the problem/issue raised in the question.
2	Explains the problem/issue raised in the question.

Criterion B. Knowledge and understanding

Markband	Level descriptor
0	Does not reach the standard described by the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The response demonstrates limited relevant knowledge and understanding. Psychological terminology is used but with errors that hamper understanding.
3 - 4	The response demonstrates relevant knowledge and understanding but lacks detail. Psychological terminology is used but with errors that do not hamper understanding.
5 - 6	The response demonstrates relevant, detailed knowledge and understanding. Psychological terminology is used appropriately.

Criterion C. Use of research to support answer

Markband	Level descriptor
0	Does not reach the standard described by the descriptors below.
1 - 2	Limited relevant psychological research is used in the response. Research selected serves to repeat points already made.
3 - 4	Relevant psychological research is used in support of the response and is partly explained. Research selected partially develops the argument.
5 - 6	Relevant psychological research is used in support of the response and is thoroughly explained. Research selected is effectively used to develop the argument.

Criterion D. Critical thinking (6 marks)

Markband	Level descriptor
0	Does not reach the standard described by the descriptors below.
1 - 2	There is limited critical thinking and the response is mainly descriptive. Evaluation or discussion, if present, is superficial.
3 - 4	The response contains critical thinking, but lacks development. Evaluation or discussion of most relevant areas is attempted but is not developed.
5 - 6	The response consistently demonstrates well-developed critical thinking. Evaluation or discussion of relevant areas is consistently well developed.

Criterion E. Clarity and organization

Markband	Level descriptor
0	Does not reach the standard described by the descriptors below.
1	The answer demonstrates some organization and clarity, but this is not sustained throughout the response.
2	The answer demonstrates organization and clarity throughout the response.

Key things to remember when writing your essay

1. Your introduction should define terms and outline how you are going to answer the question.
2. You need to outline any theories and use appropriate terminology. Whenever you use a term, clarify its meaning.
3. You need at least two pieces of research. All research must be described in terms of its aim, procedure and results.
4. All critical thinking must be relevant to the demands of the question.
5. Meet the command term.