

GLOBAL CONFLUENCE REVIEW (GCR)

06 Research Essay

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TITLE OF RESEARCH ESSAY

[A concise title reflecting the central question or argument]

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ABSTRACT

[150–250 words: issue, central argument, approach, evidence and conclusion.]

KEYWORDS

[4–6 keywords]

1. INTRODUCTION

[Introduce the issue, research question, thesis/central argument, significance and essay roadmap.]

2. CONCEPTUAL OR HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

[Define key concepts and provide relevant context.]

3. LITERATURE AND EVIDENCE BASE

[Engage critically with scholarly literature, data, cases or primary sources.]

4. CENTRAL ARGUMENT

[Develop the main argument logically. Use subheadings as needed.]

5. COUNTERARGUMENTS AND ALTERNATIVE PERSPECTIVES

[Present important opposing views fairly and respond with evidence and reasoning.]

6. CRITICAL DISCUSSION

[Synthesis, implications, limitations and interdisciplinary connections.]

7. CONCLUSION

[Return to the thesis, summarise the contribution and identify implications.]

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

[Insert statement.]

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REFERENCES

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