Group and individual tasks

# Chapter 7: Writing assignments, reports and dissertations

## For you to do

1. Assuming a pass mark of 40% and a range of possible marks from 0 to 100, what marks would you give the above essays? Would you fail any of them? Why?

2. What comments would you make about the following areas (criteria)? Use the ‘Into the Tutor’s Mind’ assessment form below:

 Demonstration of critical thinking skills

 Relevance and content

 Use of examples

 Support provided by citations and theory

 Grammar and spelling

 Structure

 Taking account of the audience

 Academic style

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| **Criterion** | **Essay 1** | **Essay 2** | **Essay 3** |
| **Demonstration of critical thinking skills** |  |  |  |
| **Relevance and content** |  |  |  |
| **Use of examples** |  |  |  |
| **Support provided by citations and theory** |  |  |  |
| **Grammar and spelling** |  |  |  |
| **Structure** |  |  |  |
| **Taking account of the audience** |  |  |  |
| **Academic style** |  |  |  |
| **Overall comment** |  |  |  |
| **Indication of mark** |  |  |  |

3. Would it make any difference whether this was an examination essay (done under conditions where no-one was permitted to have any materials with them) or an essay done at home over a potential period of a couple of weeks? If so, why?