SESSION: 11: THE CONCLUSION

**Criteria H: The Conclusion (Up to 2 points)**

**The extent to which the essay incorporates a conclusion that is clearly stated, relevant to the research question and consistent with the evidence presented in the essay. It should include unresolved question where appropriate to the subject concerned.**

There are certain specific things you should know when writing your conclusion. Here they are:

1. Make sure you include a **subtitle** within your text to set the conclusion out clearly for your examiner.
2. Focus on the **relationship between your conclusion** and your **research question,** **your thesis,** and the material you have presented in your argument.

To do this make sure you include the following:

1. Restate your research question or refer to it in some way.
2. Restate your thesis.
3. Summarize what you actually did in following your “plan

of investigation” as described in your introduction.

1. Any problems in following your original plan?
2. To what extend has the information you found supported or

refuted your thesis? List examples.

1. Any surprised from your research? Reasons for these surprises?
2. Any knowledge issues? Limitations? Assumptions? Bias?
3. What did your learn from your research?
4. Did your research produce any new questions? Or were there any unresolved questions that did not get answered by the research?
5. If you were to research this topic again, what changes and/or improvements would you make in your plan of investigation and/or your thesis?
6. **\*Note: You should not introduce any new information in your conclusion.**

**All material included here should have been previously presented in your argument or introduction. Your findings then are based on ideas already presented.**

**There should be no new quotes. Any quotes you refer to in your conclusion should be quotes already presented.**