

TSA009 Essay

The essay (or 'elaboratum') will be an exploration of a challenging OT text of your choice. After a very brief introduction (less than one page) outlining possible challenges presented by the text, the essay will summarise (c. 5 pages) the key results of critical exegesis on the text, in order that the text be as correctly understood in its historical context as possible. The essay will then look at how the challenges of the text might be approached (c. 8 pages) The conclusion (1 page) will reflect on how successful the approach or approaches have been in the author's (i.e. your) estimation.

The essay shall be fifteen pages long, and conform to the style norms below.

The essay is to be handed in by the start of the summer exam session

STYLE NOTES

Essays should be typed (or word-processed) double-spaced on one side of A4 (European) or letter (American) paper, and with a margin of one inch (2.5cm) all round. Font size should be 12 point and typeface should be a conventional formal font such as Times New Roman or Garamond (this text is actually Baskerville – similar to Garamond)

Each page should be numbered and have a header with the students name and the essay title, abbreviated if necessary.

The text should be divided into paragraphs that are not overly long (or short) – and there should be a space between each paragraph. Headings may be used if desired.

Quotations of up to a line should be included in the text and marked out with quotation marks. Quotations of more than one line should be given their own paragraph and be indented by about ½ inch (1.2 cm). It is permissible to use 1.5 line pitch for quotations.

References should be clear, precise and unambiguous and should conform to a recognised convention.

A bibliography of all books, articles and resources used in the writing of the essay should be provided. Items in the bibliography should be single spaced, with a blank line between each item.

Footnotes should be single spaced, and of a smaller font – 10 point is usual.

Attention will be paid to spelling and grammar, especially when these make the script difficult to comprehend.

Further notes on style and referencing can be found on my web site – www.amilner.org

Essays may be submitted electronically. Ideally they should be submitted in PDF format as this ensures all fonts print correctly. If you submit in Word, make sure you embed fonts when saving, especially if you have used any fonts that are non standard. This includes Biblical fonts. I will always acknowledge receipt of electronic submissions, so if you do not get an acknowledgement it means something has gone wrong somewhere!

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