**Environmental systems and societies: Sample A**

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| **Extended Essay: Exemplar Commentary** | | | |
| Subject | Environmental systems and societies | If applicable, theme for WSEE |  |
| If applicable, category for language essays |  | If applicable, subjects used for WSEE |  |
| Title of essay | Human-elephant conflict in the wildlife corridors of Northern Tanzania | | |
| Essay number | A | Examination session | May 2016 |
| **Assessment of extended essay** | | | |
| Criteria | Mark awarded | Commentary | |
| A: Focus and method  [6] | 5 | Explains clearly the research topic and its purpose.  The research question is discussed throughout the essay.  It uses relevant sources but could have provided more information on the selection of the sources. | |
| B: Knowledge and understanding  [6] | 5 | Shows excellent knowledge and understanding of the topic The use of terminology and concepts are accurate and consistent  Essay would benefit with more evaluation of the findings and comments on the sources reliability. | |
| C: Critical thinking  [12] | 9 | Shows systems and social links and is sensitive about local communities  Candidate should have manipulated more the data from different sources | |
| D: Presentation  [4] | 2 | Layout and quality of graphic material could be improved.  Some inconsistencies in text citations  **Under the new requirements this essay must be referred as a possible case of academic misconduct due to incorrect and inconsistent citing and referencing.** | |
| E: Engagement  [6]  (not included) |  | The assessment of an accompanying RPPF will affect the overall mark awarded and the grade achieved. | |
| Total marks awarded | 21/28 | Candidate selected a topic that is very original and practical for the environmental systems subject. Interesting essay that approaches the issue in a neutral way. The selection of the topic and the whole approach is very relevant to the subject. It presents large amount of relevant data and produces interesting arguments.  **Please note: as a result of modifying existing extended essays for illustrative purposes, not all exemplars have an accompanying RPPF for assessment under criterion E (this is a mandatory element for all essays as of 2018). As a result this essay has been marked out of 28 rather than 34.** | |