

## Grade criteria for awarding marks and classes for coursework essays

The overall performance of a candidate will be taken into account when awarding a mark for the year's work. The criteria will be modified by the different expectations appropriate to the various years of the course. Overall evidence that the student is fit and equipped to proceed to the next year of the course (or in the case of Moderatorship that the student will be a credible graduate of the College) is the defining criterion for the award of a passing grade.

Work that is poorly presented or inadequately referenced is unlikely to be awarded a II.1 or I mark unless there is outstanding quality.

*The following are general guidelines. Decisions will be based on the presence of some or all of the following qualities in a candidate's answering:*

### I

Excellent knowledge  
Exemplary structure & presentation  
Critical use of secondary material  
Independence of mind/imagination  
Consistent performance

### II.1

Aware of full implications of question  
Thorough knowledge of subject/text  
Analytical ability  
Good structure and presentation  
Good use of secondary sources

### II.2

Aware of implications of question  
Effective structure and presentation  
Solid and reliable/Sound knowledge

### III

Understands the question  
Satisfactory engagement with question  
Relevant knowledge  
Adequate presentation and capacity to articulate

### F1

*A student may fail because of:*

Serious misunderstanding of question  
Minimal knowledge  
Incoherence

The potential of the candidate to proceed to the next year is an important consideration in this grade

### F2

Written work in the F2 range will reveal some or all of the weaknesses noted under F1, but to a greater, perhaps extreme, extent.