

Politics and Society – Essay Marking – “Reverse Engineering” the Marking Scheme

Question 6(a)

(100 marks)

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In 2018, 200 residents in Wicklow opposed the transformation of the Grand Hotel into a Direct Provision centre which aimed to house 100 refugees.

Discuss the above incident with particular reference to the ideas of either Benedict Anderson or Thomas Hylland Eriksen. Your answer should also include examples and evidence to support your position.

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Section C – Answer to Question 6(a)

Optional space to help you prepare your answer.

Travel = globalization → Peter Casey ... + ICT
nationalization: Home to vote (Identity Politics) ...
Thomas Hylland Eriksen = K.T. !
- no global ...
- Trump)
overheating
slow down cool down.
→ global + local
Border no more
→ Refugees
K.T. !
Approach →

A bit of a scattershot plan, but better than nothing.

To improve – number the paragraphs in the order in which you think they should be attached – what is the question asking MOST OVERTLY to do?

Answer

6(a)

The increased interconnectedness of today's world is causing massive retreats into nationalism as people feel as if their own individual needs are being put behind global needs. In this essay, I will be discussing how: ~~world growth~~ ^{and} growth through travel, ICT, is causing the world to overheat (in the words of Thomas Hyland Erikson,) and causing this retreat from helping the ~~refugees~~ refugees, and how the only real solution, may be cosmopolitanism.

Identifies the tension between Globalization + Localization

Clearly "reframing" a practice essay to meet these requirements

This is the only (vague) reference to the STIMULUS MATERIAL in the Intro

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This feels like a bit of a problem

Creates an argument, but still hasn't made it specific to the title.

Good Quant Data

Ref here to the Presidential election of 2018 - this is well chosen and starts to move towards the core of the issue at hand.

One of the main ways globalization occurs is through travel, and the ease of travel today is causing a lot of backlash. Particularly, in Ireland of the increasingly foreign population. These days over 4.2 million Americans claim Irish heritage, and in 2018, 28,000 of the 90,000 ~~Irish~~ people coming in to Ireland were Irish. People "Here to vote." ^{8th referendum!!} The ease in which people travel is ~~causing~~ causing an increased amount of ~~foreigners~~ foreigners coming to Ireland to live and make a life for themselves, most of them not refugees, but ^{all of them} ~~the~~ ~~are~~ ~~there~~ causing Irish people to push back, Peter Casey even saying that these immigrants were "lazy" and ~~causing~~ ~~the~~ ~~problem~~.

To improve: The lack of direct engagement with the STIMULUS MATERIAL becomes increasingly more problematic as the essay progresses. ATFQ ...

"freeloading", while at the same time taking all jobs. ~~these~~ These kind of speeches perpetuate a protectiveness of Ireland and an unwillingness to let anyone in, even refugees. → A real missed opportunity here to link back to the actual question asked.

The progression of ICT, ~~the~~ ^{particularly} social media, allows people to share any ideas they have with ~~across~~ the entire world, and a single one negative comment about refugees, while having a couple hundred scathing replies, would have a couple thousand enthusiastic ones. In the 2010s, there were 500 million tweets tweeted daily, and this constant circulation of thoughts, ideas and even fake news could easily spark outrage at the thought that one of "our" hotels is being taken over to house "them."

→ This all feels too vague, doesn't it!!!

In the words of Thomas Hylland Eriksen, all ~~this~~ this development is the cause of these identity politics. The ~~placing~~ ^{placing} of global needs above local needs is what's causing this outrage. If we look at the closing down of the Bord na Mona plant, none of the people who worked there care that the shutting down of it is good for the environment, because they don't have a job anymore. Similarly, people don't care that you would be giving 100 people a safe place

→ The practice essay sneaks out here again!!

An under-developed paragraph that tries to bring in the role of Social Media, but with limited success

Finally, The Key Thinker that we were asked about!!!
Talk about Burying THE LEAD.

Still quite vague + discursive here!

To improve - give a more "terminology heavy" explanation of what T.H.E. means by "identity politics" and use that theoretical structure as a way of putting the stimulus material context

i.e. "Eriksen sees some of the main drivers of identity politics to be competition over scarce resources + pitting new arrivals against older inhabitants. Both of these perspectives help us to better understand the Wicklow hotel burning case in a sharper lens...."

to escape ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~not stay here~~ ^{through}, because those 100 people ~~not~~ will be 'lazy' and greedy and take all their jobs and "their women". ~~The~~ Enlison says the only way to escape this is to "slow down, ^{cool} ~~seal~~ down, and scale down." If we don't, we right end up voting for master Donald Trump, someone who promises to "make Ireland white again," and then how many refugees would be left without a safe place to ~~go~~ go.

Good supporting quote here. Works Well!

National Party

Easy, but effective "Trump bomb!"

An alternate solution, would be the one given by Kwame Anthony Appiah: cosmopolitanism. ^{Allowing} ~~to allow~~ for the respecting and acceptance of other people's differences. Appiah breaks down modern identity into the 4 C's, and the diminishing of this would allow for a more inclusive and giving Ireland. The first C is creed. Religion is a big part of Irish life, but the forcing of Muslim's and Buddhists to go to Sunday night chapel ^{in my school} doesn't make sense in my mind. ~~The~~ ^{Even the} acceptance of the beauty of the phrase "Allahu Akbar" "God is greater than the ugliness of the world," ^{rather than a phrase to fear,} would allow for a more ~~inclusive~~ ~~cosmopolitan~~ cosmopolitan Ireland. The second C, colour is ~~not~~ ^{vital,} ~~important~~, as if we had more diversity over the minuscule 1.38% (2016 census).

2nd K.T. wasn't asked for, but this should still help with the "alternative/comparative perspective"

Good use of pre-prepared data

*** This section shows good insight into and supporting data about the 2nd Key Thinker, but again the student is somewhat missing the point. i.e. They haven't shown WHY THIS IS RELEVANT to the specific question being asked. To improve: Don't get too complicated. What do you think? *** K.A.A. would say about this event in Wicklow. Which of his "5 C's" would he say is most relevant here.

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 6) of black people in Ireland, we may ^{with less racial racism} grow to be more open to people of another colour in need. The third is country. ~~and~~ I believe the dispelling of the ~~trend to~~ ^{trend to} yell "give us our six castles back" may allow ~~us~~ ^{us} to be a more open and welcoming ~~as~~ of countries around the world. The final is culture. ~~that is a~~ Only a few weeks ago did I witness, in my politics and society class, a girl question why muslim women are forced to wear hijabs, ~~and~~ and refuse to believe that they are not forced. A change in our education system to teach people about different cultures, and obviously change the way people view creed, colour ~~and~~ and country, may allow for a more

A brief "nod" to Anderson + "Imagined Communities" would be very effective here!

A good "I" sentence.
 Pretty sure this was a fictional event, but it is effective nonetheless!!!

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cosmopolitan Ireland, ~~and~~ in hopes that in the future, the saving of 100 people, won't be seen as such a bad thing.

Overall Grade

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6a I	8	6
6a K	14	16
6a E	14	14
6a A	10	11
6a V	10	7
6a C	14	9

70% 63%
 H4

Here's what I think happened here. The examiner decided that this essay should just ~~SAUEEK~~ ^{SAUEEK} into the H3 bracket, but no higher. ∴ they gave every mark in or around 7/10 or 14/20 and made it balance out. Could we blame them.

To me, this essay is much more "uneven" than this KEAUC pattern suggests. It shows good insight into the KT, but because it doesn't consistently address the question throughout, it can't get higher than 70%. (which I feel was a bit generous)