

Essay 3—Level 3: Satisfactory (6)

There is a demonstrable focus on knowledge questions in this essay to do with the connection between doubt and curiosity, the possibility that doubt might impede knowledge, the necessity for doubt in science due to the nature of its subject matter, etc.

Links are made to history, science and religion, and the essay shows some coherent development in revisiting these areas of knowledge.

Some arguments are well supported by examples, such as the treatment of the American Revolution as a situation in which knowers need to cope with bias. The attempt of using religion as a counter claim is not as effective, though.

The essay amply displays the features of a level 3 performance, because it is adequate and focused. However, since examples were clear, but not fully evaluated and counter claims were just mentioned, and not explored, the highest mark that could be awarded was 6.