**Essay Self-Assessment**

1. Go back over your essay and check for the following

2. What improvement strategies can you use to improve your essay?

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| **Key Areas** | **What does ‘good’ look like** | **Count** | **Improvement Strategies for next time** |
| Signpost sentences to link the first line of a paragraph to the question | Use the words of the question:  *There were X main reasons why...*  Does every paragraph have a signpost sentence? |  |  |
| Accurate, precise, relevant and detailed knowledge | Does every paragraph have at least X examples of facts/ figures/ quotes to back up your point? |  |  |
| Well-focused on the question | Does every paragraph focus on the question?  How many times are the key words of the question used? |  |  |
| Demonstrates good understanding of connections/ links between events/ issues | * Do you have a conclusion of at least 8 lines where you show that you understand the connections between events/ issues? * Have you ranked the reasons? * Have you considered timing? |  |  |
| How many times have you used evaluative vocabulary in your work? | Link, cause, consequence, long term etc., political etc., pre-condition, catalyst, underlying, proximate |  |  |
| Closely argued leading to a relevant judgement | * How often have you referred to the key words of the question? * Have you redefined the question? * Have you come to a conclusion? |  |  |