



## Links between Theory of Knowledge and the Extended Essay

Research Question:

Question about Knowledge that you want to find out with your Extended Essay:

Subject Area:

Area of Knowledge that your essay topic fits into: Please circle the appropriate one for your essay.

**History**

**Human Sciences**

**Ethics**

**Mathematics**

**The Arts**

**Religious Knowledge**

**Natural Sciences**

**Indigenous Knowledge**

Which of the following Ways of Knowing will you use in the EE? Please circle the appropriate ones for your essay.

**Intuition**

**Sense Perception**

**Emotion**

**Reason**

**Language**

**Memory**

**Imagination**

**Faith**

Explain how you will use these Ways of Knowing to do your research;

Each Area of Knowledge has a Knowledge Framework;

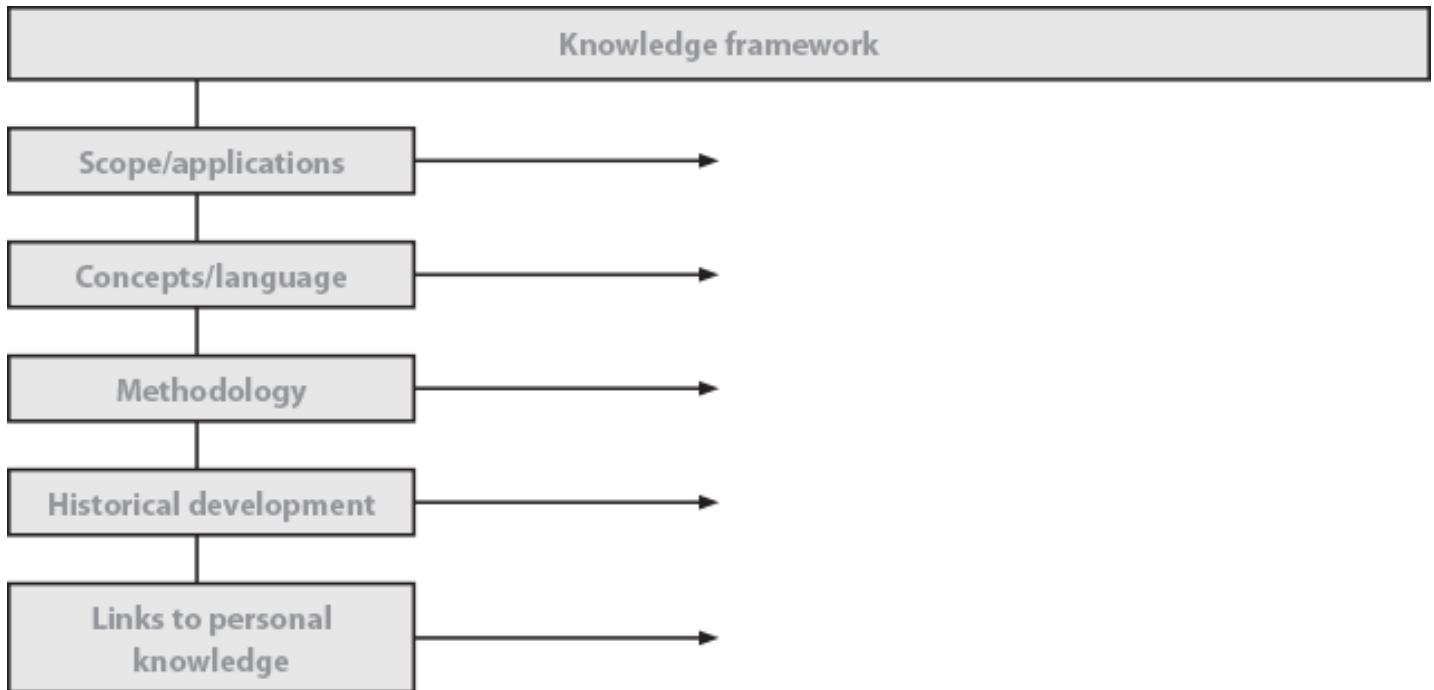


Figure 1; Theory of Knowledge guide, IBO. 2012 p. 37

For your essay give three examples of vocabulary or concepts which are specific to the subject of your essay;

1.

2.

3.

What method(s) will you employ for research?

(For example an experiment to collect data, researching different sources of literatures, interviews, and questionnaires)

How do you intend to analyse your research?



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Our own knowledge and experience is part of the research process, why did you choose this particular topic-how is it relevant to you?

## Knowledge questions;

Your extended essay will ask questions about how you acquire information.

- Knowledge questions are related to the way we acquire knowledge and focus on the ways of knowing used to produce knowledge  
E.g. *what role does emotion play in supporting claims made in the natural sciences?*
- *They are open questions* without any right or wrong answers e.g. *on what basis can one theory or explanation about the world be better than others.*
- *They are general questions. The vocabulary should not be subject specific. E.g. what role do reason and imagination play in generating a hypothesis about scientific processes?*

Good starters for Knowledge Questions:

“To what extent..”, “How far...” “How...”, “What role does...” , “ under what circumstances”

Terms and concepts that can be used in Knowledge questions: Belief, Certainty, Bias, Authority, Validity, Reliability, Methods, Interpretation, and Values. (Taken from “Theory of Knowledge for the IB Diploma” (2013) by J.Rutherford et al, Oxford University Press. )

Unresolved knowledge questions can provide valuable evaluative points during an EE and can also help guide the process.

List any knowledge questions resolved or unresolved from your EE process here;