Essay check list

Introduction

Are the introductory remarks (general background) adequate, relevant, and logically linked to the thesis/scope? Are the topics covered in the body (the scope) clear?

Are they in the same order as the topics are covered in the body?

Is the thesis statement clear?

Body paragraphs

Is the topic (controlling idea) of the paragraph clearly stated in the topic sentence? Is everything in the paragraph related to this topic?

Are there adequate explanations or examples?

Concluding paragraph

Is there a concluding signal ("In conclusion)?
Is the thesis statement restated?
Does the concluding summary contain all the main points made in the body paragraphs?
Is there a concluding remark (eg. Future prediction, recommendation etc)?

Referencing

Have you included in-text references?

Do in-text references have the correct format of (Author's family name + Date)?

Are relevant page numbers included in the in-text references?

Are all in-text references listed in the reference list?

Does the reference list include the heading: References?

Are references listed in alphabetical order?

Is one element of every reference written in italics?

Language

Are 'the' and 'a/an' used correctly?

Do all singular countable nouns have a determiner (a/the/his/her/this/that)?

-check whether the nouns should be plural

Have you used hedged language/lower modality language – especially for the objection?

Is your writing cohesive (uses a good theme/rheme pattern, discourse markers, pronouns etc)?

Formatting and other requirements Is the word count (not including referencing) within 800-1000 words? Is your work saved as a word file?

^{**}If you have answered yes to these questions, you are probably ready to submit. Submit your work and check the turn it in similarity report. Improve any paraphrasing if necessary.