Essay Feedback Form Using Core Criteria

Addressing the question
☐ The material you use is not relevant to this topic
☐ The material you use is relevant to this general topic, but you don't make clear how it is relevant to this specific question/title
☐ Good, you have made it very clear how the material you use is related to the specific issues that are the focus of the essay

Using evidence
☐ You don't provide enough research findings, data, quotations or other sourced material as evidence for your claims/assertions/ideas
☐ You provide some potential evidence, but the link with your claims/assertions/ideas could be clearer/developed more
☐ Good, you use evidence clearly and convincingly to support your claims/assertions/ideas

Developing argument
☐ Your essay does not contain a point of view or position in relation to the title or question
☐ Your essay contains some expression of a position, which could have been more explicitly developed and justified
☐ Good, you have established a clear position in relation to the question, and developed that position throughout the essay

Critical evaluation
☐ Your essay is too descriptive – there is not enough assessment of the value or significance of what you describe
☐ Your evaluative points could be more extensive/explicit/systematic/reasoned/justified
☐ Good, you have made some systematic, reasoned and justified assessments of value

Structuring
☐ Your arrangement of the material into paragraphs could provide a more logical sequence of ideas
☐ Some of your paragraphs do not focus on one main idea each, or are too short
☐ Your introduction could do more to let the reader know how the essay will deal with the issues
☐ Your conclusion could do more to give the essay an ending which brings together your various points
☐ Good, you have structured the material in a way that allows for a logical sequence of ideas

Use of language
☐ Your essay has too many spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors
☐ In some passages your writing makes the meaning unclear or difficult to follow
☐ Your meaning is clear, but your language is too colloquial
☐ Make sure you stick to the correct citation conventions
☐ Good, your writing style is fluent, clear and the tone is appropriate

Overall comment