

ENVI1153: Sustainable Futures, Semester 1, 2022
ASSESSMENT TASK 2 (30%): Critical Analysis of the SDGs
Example Structure

Background

The following information is designed to support your completion of the second assessment task (the Critical Analysis of the SDGs). These materials provide an indication of how you could structure (or organise) your paper. This information is drawn from the rubric and also includes some insight about where to use the peer-reviewed literature (although the minimum numbers of peer-reviewed references indicate what is required to achieve only a pass in each section—higher grades will draw on more peer-reviewed materials). You do not have to adhere to this format if you would prefer to organise your materials differently, but these are required components of your final submission. Once again, check the rubric to confirm this.

Introduction:

- **Provide** a short paragraph that explains what the work is about and why it is important

Main Body

Demonstrated understanding of the SDG initiative - 5 points | 2 peer-reviewed references ⇒ minimum required

- **Critically explain** the background context/origins behind the emergence of the SDG initiative
- **Include** a visual representation of the SDG initiative as a whole (the ‘wedding cake’ diagram)

Demonstrated understanding of your chosen SDGs and how they relate to each other – 10 points | 2 peer-reviewed references ⇒ minimum required

- **Choose** 3 SDGs (one from the economy layer, one from the society layer, and one from the biosphere layer), **explore** what they are and critically evaluate their interrelationships
- **Include** a description and explanation of one SDG from EACH of the 3 different layers.

Evaluation of the potential for the SDGs to be achieved – 2 points | 1 peer-reviewed reference ⇒ minimum required

- **Critically examine** the potential of the SDG initiative more broadly to drive sustainable decision making and deliver a sustainable future
- **Critically examine** the potential of your three chosen SDGs to drive sustainable decision making and deliver a sustainable future

Conclusion

- **Provide** a brief paragraph that summarises your key arguments and the syntheses (or draws together) the critical points

References & Citations

- **Use** author date citations, e.g., Neave (2022), rather than footnotes/endnotes
- **Use** any referencing style you like (e.g., Harvard, APA or others) but do not put numbers or dot points in the reference list and alphabetize the reference list
- **Always** be internally consistent with citation and referencing styles