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6th Form

EPOQ

Extended
Project Qualification

What is the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-ZQeWz5Ssk>

Level 3 Extended Project allows you to study a topic area which extends your learning in your area of study, as a standalone qualification (equivalent of up to **28 UCAS points**). **The project is 5000 words.**

University and employers are impressed by EPQs as it evidences planning, organisation, time management, research skills, critical thinking and a high level of independence.

When choosing your project topic, you must think of an area that will **expand your learning**. It could be linked to your A level/Level 3 course or it could simply be an interest or hobby!

Remember it is a question that must be answered through primary research, secondary research, facts, referencing – evidence - You will need a balanced argument and an excellent presentation.

This qualification will enable you to.

- have significant input to the choice and design of the project and take responsibility for an individual task or a defined task within a group project
- develop and improve own learning and performance as critical, reflective and independent
- develop and apply decision making and, where appropriate, problem solving skills
- extend your planning, research, critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, evaluation and presentation skills • where appropriate, develop as e-confident learners and apply relevant technologies in studies
- develop and apply skills, creatively demonstrating initiative and enterprise
- transfer skills developed as part of their project to other areas of study
- use learning experiences to support personal aspirations for further education and/or career development.

Task 1

The first stage of the EPQ is to complete a proposal form.

- What is your question? Think about this carefully as you will be the person answering it.
- Tips on how to get an A for EPQ! <https://youtu.be/mbHmYZsccc0>
- Is the research you need easy to access?
- Is there plenty of research to choose from?
- Will you be able to gain good representation for the questionnaires, surveys, observations you may have to conduct?

You will need to complete the proposal form in detail (it is worth 8 marks out of the 40 marks and shows your thought process)

Please download the form by clicking on the link below. An example of a completed proposal form is also available via this link.

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-project-qualification/level-3.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=Pearson-UK:Category%2FCoursework-materials>

Task 2

Start conducting your primary (new information gathered by you through creating questionnaires and surveys, completing observations, conducting interviews). **Note: This is more valuable**

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Start your secondary research (internet, journals, articles, statistics) - **This is other people's opinion and facts.**

JSTOR is a digital library of academic journals, books, and primary sources.
Username: sjbc Password: london - www.jstor.org

Task 3

Make a detailed action plan with;

- details of what you are going to do, why, how, when
- milestones - A **milestone** should represent a clear sequence of events that build up until your **project** is complete
- deadlines

The Project Plan is a much more detailed document than the proposal.

It should show an estimated timeline of project deliverables and important dates.

It is a working document and something that you amend and update throughout your project.

Task 4

Type a detailed introduction (500 words)