

SCIENCE & RELIGION  
PAPER 2, ROUND 2  
Reviews

## 1 Writing a review

To review another's paper is to provide feedback that will help that author see the weaknesses in their writing and in their argumentation. What elements of the paper should you comment on? The following is a non-comprehensive list:

- Grammar: Proper use of punctuation, spelling, and sentence structure.
- Word choice and phrasing: Correct use of terms, both in their definitions and connotation; the flow of each phrase and clause.
- Structure: The division into paragraphs and sections, and the flow of ideas from one to the next.
- Topic and argumentation: Is the focus of the paper clear? Do the ideas and arguments presented connect to that focus and support it?
- Formatting: Yes, this matters. Is the layout easy to read and consistent throughout the paper?

As a reader, note any element of the paper that interrupted or interfered with your ability to absorb the author's presentation. However, your role is **not to fully edit each paper**; it is, rather, to draw the author's attention to problematic elements. If an author consistently misuses a word or fails to apply proper punctuation, you do not need to highlight every instance of that mistake, nor are you required to suggest a correction. Your task is to draw the author's attention to the way in which you found those elements jarring as you read.

A review can be structured in many ways, but it should have a clear structure. You may choose to address issues in the order in which they appear in the paper. You may also choose to organize the review by element type—that is, you may provide a section on grammatical issues, then one on word choices and phrasing, then one on conceptual flow, etc. Write each review in a way that you might want to receive such feedback on your own writing, such that you could apply the feedback easily.

## 2 Your assignment

I will share with each of you, on Google Drive, a folder that contains the papers that you are to review. Write a complete review for each. Keep in mind that this process is *double-blind*: you will not know who authored each of these papers, and **your reviews should not reveal your identity** either. Your name should **not** appear anywhere on your reviews.

Note that each paper you receive will have the anonymized (but organizationally useful) names of `paper-1.pdf` and `paper-2.pdf`. When you have completed the reviews, upload each review as a PDF to the same shared folder. The review for `paper-1.pdf` must be named `review-1.pdf`, while the review of `paper-2.pdf` must be `review-2.pdf`.

**This assignment is due on Thursday, Oct-19, 11:59 pm.**