



Level 4 ISTD Written Project

Project Conditions

- The project must be presented in typeface
- The project must have a direct reference to the profession of Snowsport Teaching
- Titles such as 'Anecdotes of Antipodean Snowsports' are not acceptable; however, a title such as 'A comparison between the Australian Snowsport Teaching System and Ours' would be acceptable
- The project must be between 3,000 and 4,000 words
- BASI reserves the right to reproduce any submitted projects for the purpose of publication, research, (copyright remains that of the author)
- The written project will be reviewed and confirmation of the result will be sent to you BASI
- Students should ensure that their projects contain a Bibliography and any references and quotations used are identified within the text and at the end of the project

System of Marking the Written Project

The markers analysis will be retained in the BASI office.

The project will be marked as a **pass** or **re-submit**. Should the marker ask that the project is re-submitted, it should be very clear in the report what needs to change in each area for the project to meet the criteria.

Written projects submitted for the first time will be assessed **free of charge**.

The marking of re-submitted written projects will be charged as follows:

- Second submission £30
- Subsequent submissions £30

What Will Impress the Markers of the Project?

The marker(s) will consider the following features:

Presentation - This will reflect that the student has seriously considered the presentation of the project and has made some efforts to make it both interesting and easy to read.

Content

Layout - An indication that the student has put time and thought into the project. Avoid cluttering the page if necessary; double the number of pages to make sure that it looks good. Use a line spacing which makes the project easy to read.

Quality of Print – Projects can be presented digitally. Any standard word processing program is acceptable. Diagrams should be well identified and referenced. Page numbering should be used.

Length - The project should be of between 3,000 and 4,000 words. Please keep to within these requirements.

Diagrams/Drawing - Please use diagrams to illustrate aspects of your project. It will be easier for the marker if you either include the diagram at the appropriate point in the text. Alternatively you could include diagrams and pictures at the end but make sure you number the diagrams and quote a reference number within the text e.g. 'see diagram 4'.

Research - This research could be the collection and analysis of raw data (like a questionnaire), or it could be the summary of research performed by others. If the project is an essay without any new research, then it is expected that the literature around this topic would be read and referenced thoroughly.

References and Bibliography - Identify any sources for information you have used in your project:

Quotes from and references to books, academic papers, websites or speeches should be referenced accurately and as specifically as possible. This allows the reader to check the veracity of the input and to read the original in full should they wish. References should track down the original source, rather than referencing 3rd party works. The author and year are normally quoted in the main body text and all the details which the reader would need to look up the reference for themselves is either put in a footnote or at the end of the project.

All sources that have helped to inform author should be listed in the bibliography. If these works are not referenced specifically in the text, then they can just be listed by Author, Title and year of publication.

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Accuracy - We would expect a high level of accuracy especially in terms of physiology, psychology, biomechanics, etc.

If there is ever any question about the accuracy of the content, then the author should make efforts to back up their position. This could be by analyzing the data in their project, or it could be finding other published sources which agree with their statement or position. Be careful not to make sweeping generalizations, as they are often difficult to back up.

Originality - Important but remember to some extent you will have to substantiate aspects of your project.

Personalisation - Avoid the trap of regurgitating someone else's information or even worse regurgitating a whole load of other people's information. The project has to have the students' personal touch, their feel to it.

Conclusion - Remember to draw a conclusion based on the evidence which you have presented. The conclusion should be very clear about how this project relates to snowsports and give some perspective as to whether there is a need for more research, more debate or a stronger approach in the future.

Spelling/Grammar - This gets down to making the marker feel comfortable. Students should ensure that spelling and grammar is corrected at the typing or word processing stage. Ask someone else to proof read your project before you hand it in. They will see errors and mistakes that you will not.

Avoid using 'I' - Try not to use 'I' when you are writing your project. The mark does not need to be reminded as to who the author of the project is. Avoid phrases like - 'I would do it this way' or 'I would spend no more than 10 minutes on snow plough turns' or 'As I mentioned before' or 'I am a believer in...'

Advice - Try to complete the entire project 6 weeks before you intend to hand it in. Leave it on the shelf for 4 weeks. Go back to it and rework it before you hand it in. A month away from a project lets you look at it from a cool perspective.