# Studies of Society and Environment

### Assessable elements and descriptors of quality for A–E

**Assessable elements** and **descriptors** support teacher judgments about the standard a student has achieved.

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| **Assessable elements:**  • identify the valued features of the key learning area to be assessed  • draw from the two dimensions of the Essential Learnings: **Ways of working**  and **Knowledge and understanding**  • can be used together or independently when designing assessment. | **Descriptors:**  • indicate the qualities evident in student work  • use an A–E scale. |

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| **Assessable**  **elements** | **Descriptors** | | | | |
| **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** | **E** |
| The student work demonstrates evidence of: | | | | |
| **Knowledge and understanding** | Comprehensive knowledge and understanding of concepts, facts and procedures | Thorough knowledge and understanding of concepts, facts and procedures | Satisfactory knowledge and understanding of concepts, facts and procedures | Variable knowledge and understanding of concepts, facts and procedures | Rudimentary knowledge and understanding of concepts, facts and procedures |
| **Investigating** | Insightful identification of issues, development of questions, and use of inquiry processes | Effective identification of issues, development of questions, and use of inquiry processes | Competent identification of issues, development of questions and use of inquiry processes | Variable identification of issues, development of questions and use of inquiry processes | Minimal identification of issues, development of questions and use of inquiry processes |
| Discerning analysis and evaluation of evidence and information to draw well-reasoned conclusions | Logical analysis and evaluation of evidence and information to draw reasoned conclusions | Relevant analysis and evaluation of evidence and information to draw credible conclusions | Narrow analysis and evaluation of evidence and information to propose obvious conclusions | Cursory analysis and evaluation of evidence and information to propose conclusions |
| **Communicating** | Clear and accurate communication conforming to the conventions of text types | Coherent and accurate communication conforming to the conventions of text types | Sound communication conforming to the conventions of text types | Disjointed communication using some conventions of text types | Unclear communication using some conventions of text types |
| **Participating** | Skilful use of strategies to act on issues | Effective use of strategies to act on issues | Appropriate use of strategies to act on issues | Variable use of strategies to act on issues | Minimal use of strategies to act on issues |
| **Reflecting** | Perceptive reflection on investigations, values, perspectives and learning | Informed reflection on investigations, values, perspectives and learning | Relevant reflection on investigations, values, perspectives and learning | Superficial reflection on investigations, values, perspectives and learning | Cursory reflection on investigations, values, perspectives and learning |