

SAMPLE AOS ESSAY QUESTIONS: 'DISCOVERY'

a) 'Discoveries may compel individuals to affirm, or challenge, their perspectives on themselves and the wider world.'

To what extent does this statement reflect the ideas represented in your prescribed text and at least ONE other text of your own choosing?

b) 'Discoveries can be evoked by necessity and planning, yet reveal surprising consequences.'

How accurately is this statement reflected in your prescribed text and ONE other text of your own choosing?

c) 'A sense of wonder and curiosity can lead to significant discoveries about one's self and others.'

Assess the way this view is represented in your prescribed text and TWO other texts of your own choosing.

d) 'Meaningful discoveries can offer opportunities to change the course of an individual's life, physically, spiritually or emotionally.'

How is this view of discovery represented in your prescribed text and at least ONE other text of your choosing?

e) 'Individuals cannot resist the opportunity to experience discoveries.'

Evaluate how true this statement is with reference to your prescribed text and ONE text of your choosing.

f) ‘The impact of discovery is subject to the passage of time, either diluting the consequences or permanently transforming the individual’s perceptions of the world.’

Explore this statement with reference to your prescribed text and TWO texts of your own choosing.

g) ‘The context of individuals significantly shapes their process of discovery and the discoveries themselves.’

To what extent does your prescribed text and at least ONE text of your own choosing support this view?

h) ‘Discoveries inevitably lead to new perceptions of the world, new values, and new understanding of ourselves and others.’

To what extent is this view represented in your prescribed text and ONE text of your own choosing?

i) How do the texts you have studied represent the ways the experience of discovery often reveals hidden or concealed aspects of self-identity?

Discuss with reference to your prescribed text and at least ONE other text of your choosing.
