

ASNC MPhil mark scheme

below 57	fail
57–59	marginal fail Work which overall is not acceptable at MPhil level but which has some redeeming features. Essays in this category are often derivative rather than independent, and may be significantly deficient in scholarly method, critical analysis, argument or presentation. A marginal fail mark in one element does not debar the candidate from passing the MPhil overall.
60–74	pass
60–63	Work which is basically competent at MPhil level but which shows no indication of the qualities expected of work at PhD level. Essays in this category may include interesting ideas, but will show deficiencies in overall scope and structure, or weaknesses in analysis and argument.
64–66	Competent MPhil work which shows little indication of the qualities expected of work at PhD level. Essays may be solid but unimaginative.
67–69	Sound MPhil work which shows good engagement with relevant material, is clearly argued and well illustrated. The critical analysis may be sophisticated in places, but not regularly so. Marks at the upper end of this range indicate the presence of some of the qualities expected of work at PhD level.
70	mark normally required in the MPhil overall and in the dissertation to allow a student to continue to the PhD
70–74	Commendable work at MPhil level. Essays will show a very good understanding of relevant material, be well structured, clearly argued and the critical analysis will be regularly if not consistently sophisticated.
75–85	distinguished performance
75–79	Very good: work which shows an excellent command of its material, and which is sophisticated in argument and analysis, with clear elements of originality.
80–82	Excellent: very impressive work, in which all the qualities of a distinguished performance are present to a remarkable degree. The work will be exceptionally well researched and genuinely original.
83–85	Outstanding: memorable work of truly outstanding quality, encountered infrequently over a teaching career.