

The student shows a strong level of engagement, however, the research question lacks precision. The essay is well informed by a wide variety of sources demonstrating knowledge of the subject and understanding of peace and conflict theory.

The essay would benefit from more precise analytical structure in looking directly at the positions and interests of the parties in conflict, identifying the decisions of political leaders and analysing the impact of the decisions on the level of violence and potential for negative and positive peace. Using Galtung's conflict triangle would reveal possible approaches to peace and this would have assisted in the final section of the essay.