

*Tabula Formulae**A Tablet of Formulas for Constructing the Classics Paper*

1. Grammar (G) = Necessary (N)
 - a. $G + \text{Elegance} = \text{Even Better}$
2. Evidence (E) = N
 - a. Essay (e) = $G + \text{Thesis } (T) + E + \text{analysis}$
 - i. E must be adequately cited.
3. Readings (R) = N
 - a. Insufficient citations in e show lack of understanding of R and of T , so citations are very important.
4. Page limits (P) = Recommendation
 - a. If $e > P$, every word in e must truly advance the development of e .
 - b. If $e < P$, e must truly cover all information that needs to be covered.
5. Conclusion = Concludes e
 - a. Conclusion is not simply a sentence/paragraph placed at the end of e ; the conclusion must bring e to a close.
6. Order of Operations: *HERMES*
 - H – Have an idea
 - E – Examine readings
 - R – Record evidence
 - M – Make outline
 - E – Essay
 - S – Start early

Note: Transitive Property does not apply to this table. E.g. although $G=N$, and $E=N$, G does not equal E unless stated.