

STAGE 3 · FORMAL SUBMISSION

FINAL ESSAY SUBMISSION

Upload the final version of every essay and verify the question number, title, word count, citations, originality and assistance disclosures.

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WHAT COUNTS AS COMPLETE

A submission is complete only after the WYE Platform accepts your files and generates a Submission ID. Keep that ID: it is your proof of submission.

AT A GLANCE · 2026 CYCLE

REGULAR DEADLINE

**25 September
2026**

LATE WINDOW

**26 Sep – 2 Oct
2026**

MAIN TEXT LIMIT

2,000 words

01 SUBMISSION TIMING AND FEES

ENTRIES SUBMITTED	ADDITIONAL-ENTRY FEE	LATE FEE	MATERIALS TO PREPARE
1 essay	US\$0	US\$10	Essay. If late, add the late-submission pass and US\$10 receipt
2 essays	US\$20	US\$10	Two essays and the additional-entry receipt. If late, add late materials
3 essays	US\$40	US\$10	Three essays and the additional-entry receipt. If late, add late materials

LATE SUBMISSION

The late window is 26 September – 2 October 2026. The late fee is one fixed US\$10 for the entire submission and is not charged per essay. Late submissions must include both a WYE late-submission pass and a readable US\$10 payment receipt.

02 BEFORE YOU UPLOAD

- ☐ Each essay is saved as a separate PDF or DOCX file. Essays are not combined into one unlabelled file.
- ☐ Each essay answers one official question directly and contains no more than 2,000 words of main text.
- ☐ The file carries the essay title, the selected question number and the final word count — and no name, school or contact details in an anonymous judging file.
- ☐ APA 7 is used for quotations, data, figures, tables and external ideas, with a reference list.
- ☐ The AI Use Statement is complete, and material help from translation, editing, mentors, family members or other contributors is disclosed.
- ☐ For two or three essays, the additional-entry receipt is ready. For a late submission, the late-submission pass and US\$10 receipt are ready too.

03 SUGGESTED FILE NAMES

ESSAY

WYE_[YEAR]_Q[QUESTION_NUMBER]_[SUBMISSION_ID_OR_WYE_ACCOUNT_ID].pdf

DOCX is also accepted.

PAYMENT RECEIPT

WYE_[YEAR]_PaymentReceipt_[WYE_ACCOUNT_ID].pdf

A clear PNG or JPG is also accepted.

LATE-SUBMISSION PASS

WYE_[YEAR]_LateSubmissionPass_[WYE_ACCOUNT_ID].pdf

04 REQUIRED SUBMISSION FIELDS

FIELD	REQUIREMENT
WYE Platform account / Account ID	Must match payment and notification records
Question number, title and word count	Complete separately for every essay
Essay file	Upload each essay separately as PDF or DOCX
Total number of entries	1 / 2 / 3
Additional-entry receipt	Required only for 2–3 essays
Late pass and late-fee receipt	Required only during the late window; both must be uploaded
AI / translation / editing disclosure	Complete accurately; select “No AI used” when applicable
Originality and terms confirmation	Required before submission

05 ORIGINALITY DECLARATION

PARTICIPANT CONFIRMS

☐ This submission is my own original work. All sources and material assistance have been disclosed, and the information in the form is accurate. I understand that formal submission does not itself indicate shortlist status, an award, feedback or publication, and that I may later be asked to provide process-verification material.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Next: Stage 4 — Process Verification. Required only by notice, and open to voluntary submission.