

Discussion Skill	Grade		Target
Open the discussion	Pass	Opens discussion with own views.	
	Good Pass	Develops answers from knowledge and research.	
	Merit	States discussion topic clearly, with personal viewpoint / opinions.	
	Merit Plus	Full, fluent responses extend discussion.	
	Distinction	Challenges thinking with considered ideas and opinions.	
Maintain the debate	Pass	Maintains flow by asking relevant questions.	
	Good Pass	Maintains flow of discussion by asking for ideas and opinions.	
	Merit	Extends debate by ongoing analysis of responses.	
	Merit Plus	Maintains group focus. Engages well with group.	
	Distinction	Controls pace and group dynamics.	
Summarise and conclude	Pass	Brief statement of views expressed during discussion.	
	Good Pass	Considered statement of views expressed during discussion.	
	Merit	Summarises debate and draws conclusions.	
	Merit Plus	Summarises debate with a considered statement of views and draws conclusions.	
	Distinction	Concise perceptive analysis, with reference to main contributions.	