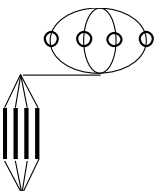
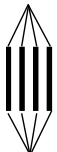
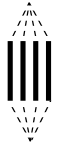




## The SOLO taxonomy as a guide to setting and marking assessment

SOLO category	Representation	Type of outcome	Solution to problem	Structure of essay
Unanticipated extension		Create Synthesise Hypothesise Validate Predict Debate Theorise	Solution to problem which goes beyond anticipated answer.  Project or practical report dealing with real world ill-defined topic.	Well structured essay with clear introduction and conclusion. Issues clearly identified; clear framework for organizing discussion; appropriate material selected. Evidence of wide reading from many sources. Clear evidence of sophisticated analysis or innovative thinking.
Logically related answer		Apply Outline Distinguish Analyse Classify Contrast Summarise Categorise	Elegant solution to complex problem requiring identification of variables to be evaluated or hypotheses to be tested.  Well structured project or practical report on open task.	Essay well structured with a clear introduction and conclusion. Framework exists which is well developed. Appropriate material. Content has logical flow, with ideas clearly expressed. Clearly identifiable structure to the argument with discussion of differing views.
Intermediate			Solution to multiple part problem with most parts correctly solved but some errors.  Reasonably well structured project or practical report on open task.	Essay fairly well structured. Some issues identified. Attempt at a limited framework. Most of the material selected is appropriate. Introduction and conclusion exists. Logical presentation attempted and successful in a limited way. Some structure to the argument but only limited number of differing views and no new ideas.
Multiple unrelated points		Explain Define List Solve Describe Interpret	Correct solution to multiple part problem requiring substitution of data from one part to the next.  Poorly structured project report or practical report on open task.	Essay poorly structured. A range of material has been selected and most of the material selected is appropriate. Weak introduction and conclusion. Little attempt to provide a clear logical structure. Focus on a large number of facts with little attempt at conceptual explanations. Very little linking of material between sections in the essay or report.
Single point		State Recognise Recall Quote Note Name	Correct answer to simple algorithmic problem requiring substitution of data into formula.  Correct solution of one part of more complex problem.	Poor essay structure. One issue identified and this becomes the sole focus; no framework for organizing discussion. Dogmatic presentation of a single solution to the set task. This idea may be restated in different ways. Little support from the literature.
Misses the point			Completely incorrect solution.	Inappropriate or few issues identified. No framework for discussion and little relevant material selected. Poor structure to the essay. Irrelevant detail and some misinterpretation of the question. Little logical relationship to the topic and poor use of examples.