

### **Table for unpacking your essay title**

***One way to approach the unpacking and brainstorming stages of your essay is to use the table below. Use the first part for unpacking titles, and the second for brainstorming possible elements of your essay. There are many other ways; choose the method that suits you.***

Write in the title exactly as it appears on the assignment:

Unpack the question by examining the question using the following ideas:

Identify key words and phrases

Identify the contestable concepts to clarify

Identify the action terms

Identify any ambiguities

Identify any assumptions in the title

Check that you understand the title: write your sense of the title in your own words

Identify the key knowledge issue you will address (expressed in the form of a "How" question)

How will you treat the main KI?

Which AOKs and/or WOKs and/or facts about knowers will you consider?

What contestable concepts need clarifying?

What different perspectives will you consider?

What examples do you think you might use?

What will go in your introduction?

What conclusion does all of the above mean that you will come to?

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