



The Extended Essay

Guidelines for Students (new 2009 guide)

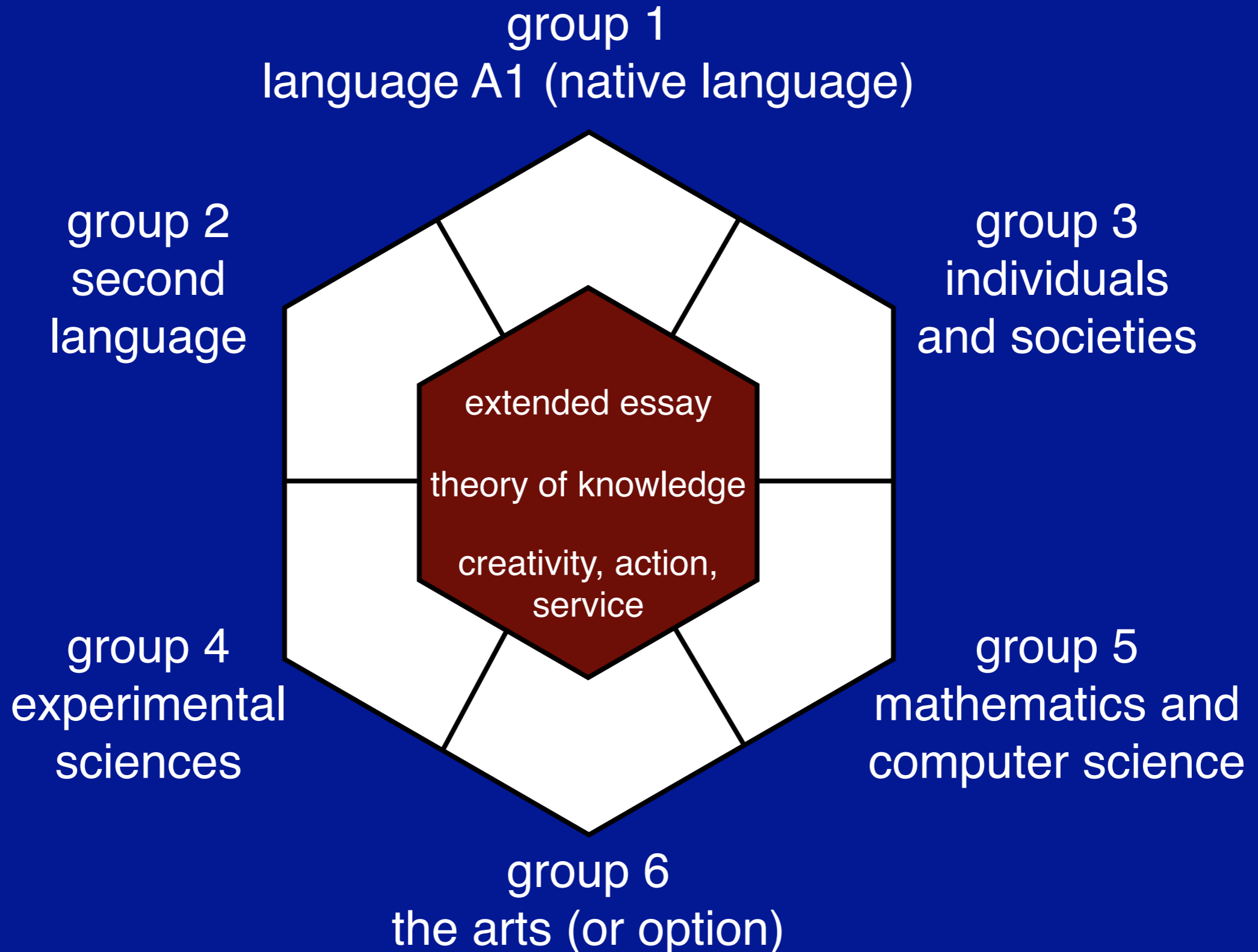
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What is the Extended Essay?

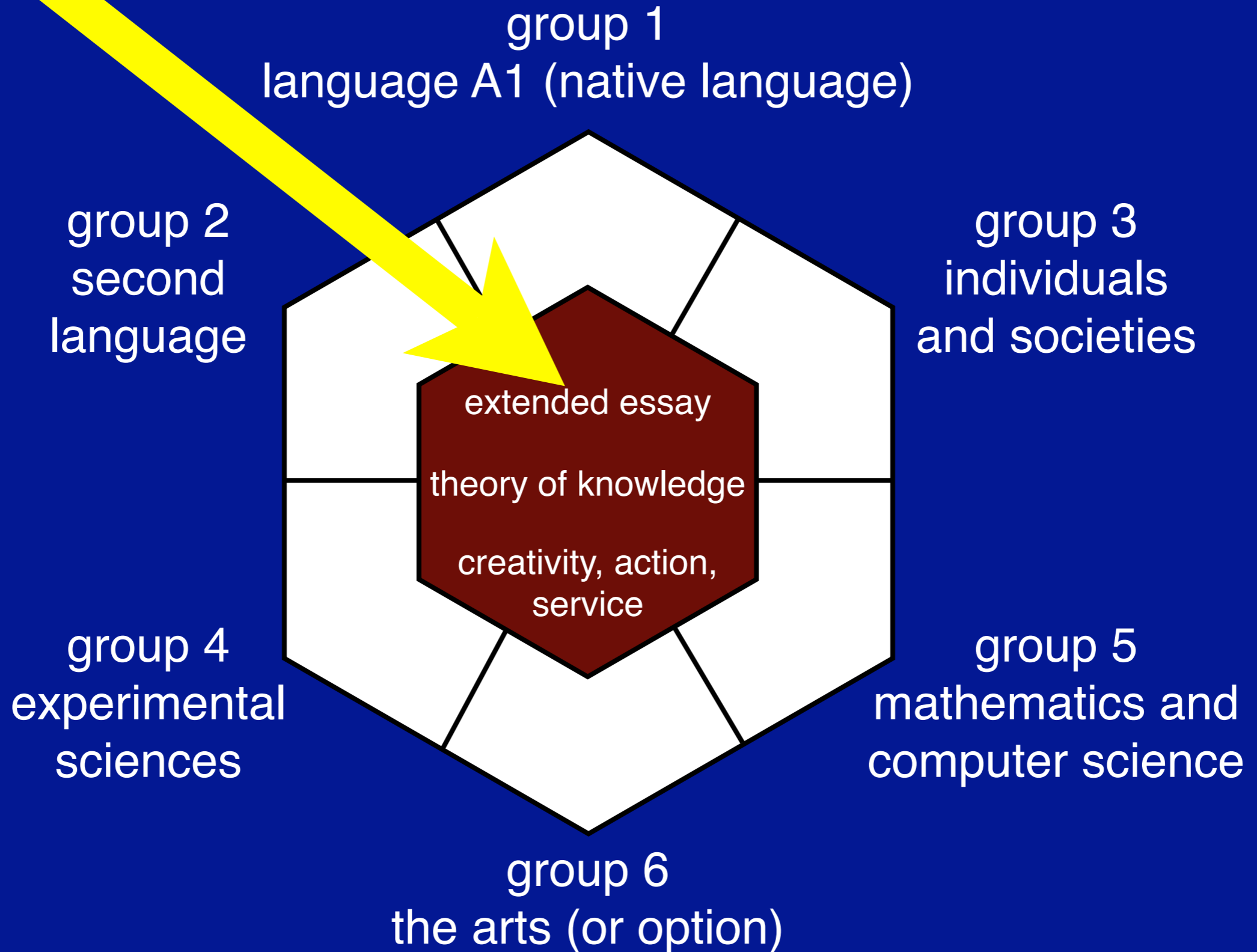
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“The extended essay is an in-depth study of a focused topic chosen from the list of approved Diploma Program subjects – normally one of the student’s six chosen subjects for the IB Diploma. It is intended to promote high-level research and writing skills, intellectual discovery and creativity.”

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Approved Topics and sample RQs

World Religions

“Why is the doctrine of creation so central to contemporary evangelical Protestantism?”

“What are the differences in the understanding of prophecy in Judaism, Christianity and Islam?”

Questions?



Thank you!

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