### Assessment criteria for literature review

| Structure          | Q  The introduction contains background to the issues, clear thesis statement (or rationale for the research), and an outline of the chapter  
|                   | Q  There are clear links between the major sections, between and within paragraphs  
|                   | Q  Section headings, if used, are specific and appropriate  
|                   | Q  The conclusion summarizes the main points and highlights areas that need further research/investigation or the proposed research project  |

| Content           | Q  Main ideas/arguments are clearly developed  
|                   | Q  Ideas/arguments are supported by relevant research or reference to scholars  
|                   | Q  There is evidence of critical engagement with the ideas and/or the cited research  
|                   | Q  There is evidence of synthesis of sources  |

| References        | Q  There is a sufficient number of references used, i.e., no over-reliance on one text  
|                   | Q  Quotes, paraphrases and summaries of references are used appropriately  
|                   | Q  References used are correctly acknowledged in the text  
|                   | Q  References used are correctly set out in the list of references  |