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SEMINAR 9 – ANSWER KEY

Social Sciences

Task 1

- a) Not necessarily; it may sometimes be convenient to have a different order.
- b) No.
- c) Yes, very likely.
- d) No, a common fault.
- e) No, never.
- f) Not necessarily. Expressing an idea more concisely may require greater sophistication of vocabulary.
- g) Yes, definitely.
- h) No.
- i) Applicable only to short texts. Generally it may vary from 50 to 300+ words.
- j) Never. It should be written in the third person; sometimes first person plural is acceptable.

Task 2

S1 Not acceptable because of the additional information that is not mentioned in the original (e.g. ...).

S2 Acceptable.

S3 Not acceptable – too long; exact copying of parts of sentences.

S4 Not acceptable – opinions, use of “I”, does not provide the gist of the text.

S5 A good descriptive summary, however not acceptable as it does not convey any information.
(In academic environments informative summaries are preferred.)

Task 3 – based on class work

Grammar – Countable and Uncountable Nouns

- 1 Today's news **is** very interesting.
- 2 How much **damage was** there after the attack?
- 3 **That is** all his **knowledge** of economy.
- 4 I need some **information** about practical lessons.
- 5 They have been given a lot of important **advice** at the faculty meeting.
- 6 You did not support your arguments with enough **evidence**.
- 7 How much money **is** needed for the project?
- 8 Language students need a least some **linguistics**.
- 9 **Ethics is** the most difficult part of this course.
- 10 This week is better as we have **less homework**.
- 11 I feel we are making **progress**.
- 12 This conference was attended by **fewer** delegates than the other one.
- 13 When the fire started, there was **total chaos**.

APPENDIX

- 1 Acceptable.
- 2 Acceptable, though clearly 1 is more detailed.
- 3 The first statement is inaccurate.
- 4 Accurate, but too brief and general.
- 5 Inaccurate - very loosely linked to the source text.
- 6 Inaccurate - the writer does not suggest that biopolitics "is likely to gain increasing acceptance" or that "changes in the environment and in human behaviour can be brought about through political processes". The last statement is also untrue.
- 7 Grossly inaccurate – additional information and a concluding statement that has no basis in the source.