Rubric for the Book Review

Trait	Exemplary	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Background (5 points)	Gives excellent information about author and intended audience, and scholarly credibility and importance of the book.	Gives some meaningful information about author and how book fits in scholarly debate.	Some background information is offered but is incomplete or inaccurate.
Summary (5 points)	Clearly describes the main theme, arguments, and conclusions of the book in **his/her own words**. Shows good understanding of main points and avoids superfluous detail.	Describes thesis, argument, and conclusions of book, but sometimes gets bogged down in detail.	Describes some elements of thesis and argument, but misses or misunderstands some parts of the book. Copy and paste rather than rephrasing arguments in the book.
Economic Concepts, Theories, and Models (10 points)	A very clear depiction of key economic concepts, theories, and models used in the book.	Economic concepts, theories, and models used in the book are moderately explained.	Economic concepts, theories, and models used in the book are NOT adequately explained.
Notes and highlights on the book (15)	All chapters have meaningful and significant number of notes and highlights showing the book was read thoroughly	Most chapters have meaningful and significant number of notes and highlights showing the book was read with good level of understanding	Only few chapters have meaningful and significant number of notes and highlights showing the book was NOT read thoroughly
Evidence or examples along your own views (15 points)	Perceptively describes the kinds of evidence/ examples used to support the claims in the book, shows strong ability to evaluate usefulness and relevance of evidence through relating them to your personal experience.	Describes some evidence used in the book, and shows some ability to evaluate usefulness and relevance of evidence through relating them to your personal experience.	Limited or no description of the evidence used in the book.
Critical review of the book's arguments with your own comments (10 points)	Thoughtful evaluation of strengths and weaknesses of text, pointing to other evidence or questions that seem to support or weaken the argument. Shows a strong evidence of reading the book in its entirety. Discuss them through your own experience.	Shows some understanding of strengths and weaknesses of text, gives limited or no reference to other material. Discuss them through your own experience.	Mostly ignores critical evaluation of the book and focuses on summary.
Language (5 points)	The paper is written with perfect English without any writing errors.	The paper is written with good English with limited writing errors.	The paper is poorly writing with writing errors.
Length (5 points)	The paper is between 12-15 pages written with 12 points font size, and 1.5 line space.	The paper is between 9-11 pages written with 12 points font size, and 1.5 line space.	The paper is less than 9 pages written with 12 points font size, and 1.5 line space.
References	References are given for anything taken from external sources.	References are largely given for anything taken from external sources with few exceptions.	References are NOT given at all.
Concluding recommendation (5 points)	Clear description of appropriate conclusions which can be drawn from the results.	Conclusions relating to the research topic are provided but have some inaccuracies.	Conclusions drawn from the study are inaccurate.

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